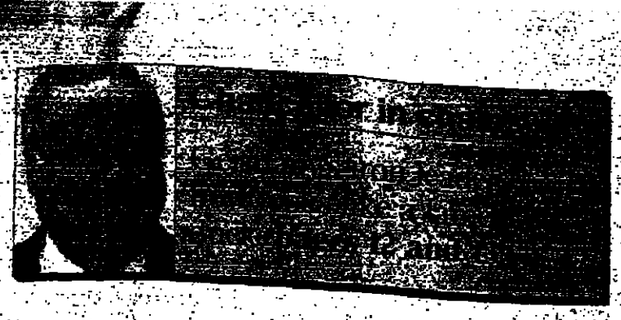
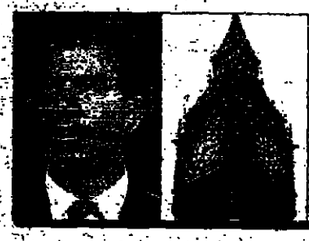




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Major defends monarchy as pressure grows for Prince and Princess of Wales to divorce

Welcome in the Kremlin for the Queen

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were given a glittering welcome yesterday at the start of the first visit by a British monarch to Russia. A reception at the Kremlin was followed last night by a visit to the Bolshoi ballet. The Prime Minister said yesterday that "the monarchy is an enduring part of our way of life." But he came under pressure from Conservative colleagues to try to end the controversy over the Prince and Princess of Wales's marriage by urging that they should divorce. An excerpt, published in France from what is claimed to be a new book by Andrew Morton, the Princess's biographer, says divorce will come next year and that the Princess will receive a £15 million settlement.



CHRIS HARRIS

The Queen and President Yeltsin at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow last night on the first evening of a visit by a British monarch to Russia

Electric atmosphere

FROM ALAN HAMILTON IN MOSCOW

THE Queen began her historic state visit to Russia yesterday with a warm, formal and dignified welcome from President Yeltsin in surroundings of dizzy splendour that trumpeted the nation's imperial and Christian history.

The Russian leader greeted the first reigning British monarch to tread Russian soil in the magnificence of St George's Hall in the Kremlin, a chamber far grander than anything Buckingham Palace can offer. The Queen looked decidedly pleased to be there, and the President looked suitably pleased with himself at having managed finally to play such a diplomatic ace.

Muscovites judged yesterday to be the first day of winter after the sudden end of a balmy late summer. Biting wind chilled the bones at Vnukovo airport, outside Moscow, as the welcoming party of deputy ministers waited to lead their visitor to a formal welcome in the city.

A few minutes before 4.30 on a diamond-bright afternoon the BAe 146 of the Queen's Flight, an aircraft of small and modest demeanour, appeared out of the cloudless sky, escorted by the evil shape of four Sukhoi 27 supersonic jet fighters, machines with a profile belonging to *Star Wars*.

As the royal aircraft landed and taxied to the terminal, the escorts performed a breathtaking aerobatic display of starbursts and loop-the-loops directly above, firing Roman candle firework effects from their exhausts. The Queen, still on board, was unable to see most of it.

She stepped on to Russian soil in a politically incorrect but none the less splendid mink coat and dark blue velour hat trimmed in gold, followed by the Duke of Edinburgh, Douglas Hurd and his wife, Judy.

According to the original programme the Queen should have been met by Viktor Chernomyrdin, the Russian Prime Minister, but he decided not to interrupt his holiday at the Black Sea resort of Sochi. Instead the government sent its top man on airport arrivals, Oleg Soskovets, the First Deputy Prime Minister. It was Mr Soskovets who was dispatched down the steps of the Russian presidential aircraft when it made its recent brief stop-over at Shannon to explain to Albert Reynolds, the Irish Prime Minister, that Mr Yeltsin was feeling unwell and could not disembark.

The Royal Household took Mr Chernomyrdin's absence in its usual languid diplomatic stride. There was no snub, they said. Indeed there was no tradition of prime ministers meeting the Queen at airports when a formal welcome awaited in town. The Queen graciously accepted a red and yellow bouquet, and shook hands with Igor Ivanov, the Deputy Foreign Minister, Anatoli Adamishin, Russian Ambassador to London, and Georgi Filatov, Mr Yeltsin's chief of staff.

In the middle of the tarmac, the Queen stood on a small red-and-white Bokhara carpet while a military band played first the British national anthem and then the new Russian, which is neither the old Soviet one, nor the even older tsarist one whose melody permeates *The 1812 Overture*.

She inspected an immaculate guard of honour from Russia's three armed services, which then goose-stepped back and forth across the tarmac as the Queen met further dignitaries. The once-mighty Russian military machine may be in a state of some decay, but it can still square-bash with the best.

Within little more than ten minutes the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh had left the airport and climbed into their glass-bubbled Rolls-Royce Phantom, an elegant centrepiece to a 22-car motorcade of long, black Zil limousines so reminiscent of the Communist era.

Their journey to the city centre took them through golden autumn birchwoods, which gave way to the ugly suburban concrete tower blocks that echo the less attractive parts of Glasgow. By the time the motorcade arrived, the vast titanium statue to Yuri Gagarin and the last remaining monumental statue to Lenin in what used to be October Square, the flags were out. Not large flags, but at least a pair of Russian and British banners on every lamppost. There were no crowds; they will have their opportunity later.

The motorcade swept through the gates of the Kremlin, and the Queen ascended a grand staircase lined by soldiers of the Presidential Guard, a Praetorian regiment formed by Mr Yeltsin only this year, resplendent in their brand new royal blue uniforms and a cap badge depicting a crown and the imperial Russian double eagle. As the Queen and Prince Philip entered St George's Hall by the vast gold doors at one end, Mr Yeltsin and his wife, Naina, entered through identical doors 300 feet away at the other. In a balletic performance worthy of the Bolshoi in its heyday, they walked towards each other down a motorway of red carpet and met exactly in the middle, beneath six huge gilded chandeliers that lit the great white hall and its wall decorations depicting St George slaying the dragon.

The atmosphere was electric. What body contact would the two parties make? In the event they exchanged warm handshakes, but no hugs. Mr Yeltsin gave a stiff, and very proper, inclination of the head that was midway between a nod and a full bow. Mrs Yeltsin shook hands and gave a small nod. In an upper gallery a symphony orchestra, hidden from view, delivered a drum roll, a fanfare and the two national anthems.

Mr Yeltsin gave the Queen a substantial bouquet of orange and yellow roses. She looked delighted; Mr Yeltsin beamed broadly. As the party, with its

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Morton extract tells of £15m settlement

BY EMMA WILKINS AND CHARLES BREMNER

THE Prince and Princess of Wales will divorce next year and the Queen will decide custody of their sons, according to extracts published in France yesterday that allegedly come from a new book by Andrew Morton.

The Princess will receive a £15 million settlement, a home in London worth £5 million and a home in Wales or France, sections published in the magazine *Voici* say. The magazine apparently has obtained proofs of a French edition of *Diana: Her New Life* by Mr Morton, who wrote the first "inside" account of the royal marriage.

The book's publisher, Michael O'Mara, said last night that the *Voici* extracts indicated that proofs of the book, which is due to be serialised in *The Sunday Times* in three weeks' time and published in London on November 8, appeared to have been stolen.

Mr Morton, who has seen an English translation of the *Voici* account, confirmed that the extracts, although ineptly compiled, were from his book. "It is a pretty poor job. There are some elements from the book. I am convinced they have stolen the book," he said.

The magazine article says that the Princess had threatened to take Prince William and Prince Harry to live in Australia at one low point in her troubled marriage. "I am the Prisoner of Wales, not the Princess of Wales," she is quoted as saying.

Kensington Palace sources dismissed the claims made in the *Voici* extracts as nonsense and denied that the couple would be divorced next year.

Mr Morton and Mr O'Mara first became aware that proofs of the book might have been stolen after receiving a call from *The Sun* on Sunday. The newspaper had been approached by a man who claimed to have proofs of

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Monarchy 'fundamental part of our existence'

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major yesterday issued a passionate defence of the royal family as he came under growing pressure from within the Conservative Party to advise the Queen that the Prince and Princess of Wales should divorce.

As the Commons returned after the summer break, influential Tory MPs and ministers voiced fears that the disclosures about the royal marriage had reached such a pitch that the monarchy would be damaged less by divorce than by the couple staying together. Mr Major, making his first comments since the authorised biography of the Prince revealed at the weekend that he had had doubts about his marriage from the start, insisted that the monarchy was strong and would not be harmed.

Mr Major said: "The monarchy is an enduring part of our way of life. It has been there as long as anyone can remember. It is a fundamental part of our existence in this country. Nothing is going to shake that."

However, well-placed backbenchers made plain their view that Mr Major should advise the Queen that Westminster feels the couple should divorce to protect the monarchy.

Sir Nicholas Bonsor, vice-chairman of the Conservative constitutional committee, said of the marriage: "In terms of the public interest it would be a good thing if they now drew a line under it. But one must take account of family considerations, particularly the children." One senior member of the 1922 executive, which has direct access to Mr Major, said that the situation was a mess that could be cleared up only by divorce. Other executive members said that only a "clean break" could prevent the rows that were turning the royal family into a "laughing stock". Another said: "We have to face this now. Unless they divorce, Diana can become Queen. It is ludicrous."

MPs were dismayed that the Prince had decided to reveal intimate details of his private life in Jonathan Dimbleby's biography, *The Prince of Wales*. One said: "He has been bloody stupid. To harm his wife, mother and father in one publication takes some doing."

James Hill, Tory MP for Southampton Test, said: "I think it is extremely dangerous for the heir to the throne to reveal all to the media. All royalists in the Commons must be very concerned."

In the Commons, a Labour MP sparked angry protests when he attacked the "discredited and dying monarchy". Paul Flynn, member for Newport West, broke convention during the question-time exchanges by criticising the royal family.



Hill: 'Dangerous to reveal all to media'

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Tunnel rail fare set at £95

Passengers on the Eurostar train service through the Channel Tunnel to Paris or Brussels will pay £95 return, £12 more than if they were to fly.

The lowest standard return fare from Waterloo station, London, to Paris will be £95, while travellers from Heathrow can fly for £83.

The Eurostar service will initially offer only two return trips a day, and only from on Monday to Friday to the French capital.....Pages 4, 25

Pupil 'murdered stranger for dare'

A former Gordonstoun pupil was persuaded by a fellow student to murder a stranger for the "ultimate dare", the Old Bailey was told. Jamie Petrolini, 19, and Richard Elsey, 19, deny murdering Mohammed el-Sayed, 44..... Page 3

Part-time clergy

The Diocese of Salisbury aims to tackle its shortage of clergy by asking each parish without a vicar to nominate a lay person for ordination. The scheme could lead to 200 non-stipendiary part-time vicars..... Page 6

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Canny football move wins Korean jobs for Teesside

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A DEAL that should bring up to 6,000 jobs to the unemployment blackspot of Teesside was clinched over a football match at the home ground of Newcastle United, the current Premiership leaders.

Sir John Hall, the former head of Cameron Hall Developments, was a prime mover in the consortium that secured a £450 million investment by Samsung, the leading South Korean industrial conglomerate. He treated the Korean executives to a match day at St James's Park, where he is club chairman, when Newcastle trounced the Belgian side Royal Antwerp 5-1 in the Uefa Cup.

Sir John said yesterday "I'd like to think that if Samsung had any doubts about choosing the North East, this changed their minds. They are mad-keen on football in Korea: Samsung sponsors teams in Germany and they are just starting their own league."

The Samsung factory, which will receive £58 million of government grants, will cover 400 acres at Winyard Hall, near Stockton. It will initially produce microwave ovens and computer monitors. The Samsung executives toured the ground, met Kevin Keagan, the manager, and the players and used Sir John's box to watch the game.

Dr John Bridge, the chief executive of the Northern Development Company, said: "This major building block in our economic regeneration will boost the local economy and create thousands of extra jobs."

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It all sounds jolly sensible, but what colour are his socks?


Cranborne: toeing line

MATTHEW PARRIS
POLITICAL SKETCH

THE only thing about Viscount Cranborne that was upbeat yesterday was his socks. These were a joyous shade of peachey yellow. The rest of his lordship was the last word in caution.

Poor Lord Cranborne. As he admitted to his peers when opening yesterday's Lords debate on developments in Northern Ireland ("there's no point in denying it") Cranborne is an old-fashioned unionist. You would expect it of a Cecil. He voted against the 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement.

Now, propelled to the top as Government Leader in the Lords, his job was to persuade the Upper Chamber of the wisdom of John Major's new moves. And he did manage to toe the line. "I salute the Prime Minister's courage," he said, rather as one might to someone about to go over the Niagara Falls in a barrel. But were it not for the promise of a referendum "I for one would have been most unhappy". To be safe, Cranborne added that John Major would have been most unhappy, too. It was good to hear that the PM approved of his own proposal.

In the circumstances, Cranborne's was a solid speech, but it could have been made by the Unionists' Jim Molyneaux. By the time he sat down his yellow socks seemed to have taken on a pale orange hue. Our disorientation grew. Sensing the need for a robustly pro-Cabinet speech, the Opposition Leader in the Lords, Labour's Lord Richard, made it. His socks were dark grey.

He praised the Prime Minister fulsomely and anticipated the possibility that we might accept the ceasefire as permanent without hearing the word "permanent" — but advised against expecting too much too soon. It all sounded jolly sensible, but where was Labour's old, pre-Blairite pro-Republican tinge?

The Liberal Democrats filled that gap. I wish I could report that Lord Holme of Cheltenham, speaking for the Party, wore green socks. Holme urged a complete review of emergency provisions in the province, to restore human rights where possible. He thought the pre-talks period of three months should be backdated, so that talks could begin before Christmas. We should be thinking about demilitarisation, he said. "The time has now come to change gear".

With Cranborne in Unionist socks, Lord Richard in Majorite socks, and Holme in socks which Michael Foot would have found comfortable, there was only one brand of hosiery missing: those of the breakaway Democratic Unionist Party's Dr Paisley. Who better to fill the breach than a previous Labour Secretary of State for Northern Ireland? Lord Mason of Barnsley reached for the sock-drawer and pulled out something appropriate in fluorescent orange.

From the Press Gallery one could not, admittedly, see Lord Mason's ankles, but his deep scepticism about the motives of what he called "the Provos" was plain. We should not "dent" the 1920 Act of Partition, he warned: it was "bedrock". "Do not tamper with the 1920 Act."

One or another of their Lordships seemed by now to have spoken for almost every cause. It remained to put the Almighty's point of view. This was done by the Belfast-born Bishop of Southwark, a sort of watered-down John Cole look-alike, houndstooth overcoat replaced by a white nightie. Concluding with an assurance of "goodwill and prayerful support," Southwark came perilously close to ending with a short prayer.

Foreign students would be assisted in understanding our constitution if speeches in the Upper Chamber were all to end in a collective murmur of "*amen*".

Safety 'weaknesses' at atomic weapons plants criticised

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

SAFETY precautions at the Aldermaston atomic weapons establishment and at three other nuclear research centres were severely criticised yesterday after an eight-month official review.

Standards fell below those found at other "high hazard" industries, including nuclear and chemical facilities, the Government's Health and Safety Executive said in a damning report. A team of 18 experts in radiation, explosives and health and safety investigated the four nuclear research centres at Aldermaston and Burghfield in Berkshire, Cardiff, and Foulness in Essex.

In a comprehensive review of safety that cost £500,000, the experts discovered "significant weaknesses" in health and safety management.

Some of the materials at the facilities presented the risk of an accidental nuclear chain reaction leading to high radiation levels. The experts found that the arrangements for defining the basic rules for handling these materials were consistent with standards elsewhere.

However, the controls "in place" to prevent an incident "did not in all respects reflect current good practice".

Management of the four nuclear centres was transferred from the Ministry of Defence to a private contractor, Hunting BRAE, in April of last year. The watchdog team found that senior managers were committed to a high standard of health and safety.

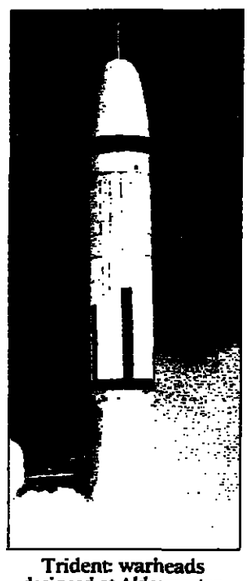
Yet the report published yesterday made 65 recommendations for improving standards, 19 of which were identified as priorities.

The report said that a number of older facilities did not meet current design standards. However, new plutonium-handling buildings have been constructed at Aldermaston to cater for the design work on warheads for the Trident ballistic missile system, and the report acknowledged that plant and equipment in the new facilities "were better".

In another critical part of the report, the safety team said: "While AWE (Atomic Weapons Establishment) had devoted attention and resources to planning for emergencies, it had not carried out sufficient training or rehearsals of its plans."

An emergency exercise at Aldermaston during the period of the review "showed some significant weaknesses".

Like the rest of the nuclear industry, there was no way of disposing of the most radioactive waste. At Aldermaston it was kept in drums and other containers on site but there were only "limited plans" for treating the waste "so as to increase the safety of its long-term storage". At Aldermaston, which employs 4,500 people, the safety team recommended that plutonium-contaminated filters stored in one of the older production buildings should be examined as a possible fire hazard and its emergency procedures revised.


Trident: warheads designed at Aldermaston

Greenpeace last night called for an immediate halt to the production of nuclear warheads at Aldermaston, claiming that the plant posed an unacceptable risk to workers and the general public. Janet Convery, a Greenpeace campaigner, said: "The HSE report reveals some horrifying lapses and lack of safety procedures at Aldermaston."

John Rimington, director-general of the Health and Safety Executive, said there had been too much "unnecessary mystery about these plants, understandably giving rise to fear and concern". He said he hoped that those living nearby would feel that a proper job had been done by the review team "and are able to take reassurance from our findings".

John Cook, chairman of Reading council's health and environment committee, said the report would highten the public's anxieties.

Hunting BRAE accepted the report's findings. Andrew Glasgow, chief executive at Aldermaston, said: "My top priority is to see our safety improvement programme completed as quickly as is practicable."

The company said the critical parts of the plant were safe. Further safety measures were being implemented.



The front cover of *Voici* which claims a world exclusive for its story of a royal divorce

'Stolen' Morton extracts tell of £15m settlement

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Mr Morton's book and was willing to sell them for £30,000. *The Sun*, which has secondary serialisation rights to the book, alerted Mr O'Mara and arranged to meet the man in Paris yesterday in what turned out to be a classic "sting".

"I took the call from *The Sun* and we organised an appointment to be set up at 10am in the Hotel Concorde Lafayette in Paris," Mr O'Mara said. Those present included Lesley O'Mara, the publisher's wife, who speaks French; a journalist from *The Sunday Times*; a lawyer and French police officers concealed in the lobby.

"My wife was carrying a copy of *The Sun* as arranged and the man was wearing a scarf," Mr O'Mara said. "The police waited until he produced the stolen proofs and arrested him."

The French police confirmed yesterday that Litis Alvárez Gómez, a journalist with *Voici*, had been arrested and was being held for questioning.

Dominique Celluru, editor of *Voici*, confirmed that the magazine had obtained a copy of Mr Morton's work. Confirming that Gómez is a journalist on the magazine, M Celluru said he had no idea that he had been arrested.

Legal steps were being taken last night to force the magazine to withdraw its copies from sale. "Writs are flying about in France. We are trying to get [it] withdrawn," Mr O'Mara said.

☐ **Rift denied:** St James's Palace denied yesterday that the Prince's decision to unburden himself in Jonathan Dimbleby's biography had caused a rift with his parents. Despite the Duke of Edinburgh's apparent distaste at publication of intimate family details, an official said relations between the two households were amicable.

Yeltsin welcomes Queen to Russia

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two interpreters, moved to the side for the Russian couple to meet the Royal Household, the Queen and Mr Yeltsin were seen to engage in long and animated conversation.

As the ceremony drew to a close, the relief among the staff on both sides was palpable. The historic meeting, perfectly orchestrated, had been executed to perfection.

Afterwards, Mr Yeltsin said: "It was a quiet social talk with the Queen. I am very glad she has come." He dismissed rumours about his health, saying: "Who told you that? I shall punish them. I am feeling fine."

Later Mr and Mrs Yeltsin accompanied the Queen and Prince Philip to the Bolshoi Theatre. They sat in what is still known as the Tsar's Box, and the audience that filled the splendidly rococo auditorium rose to its feet and offered their guest prolonged applause, which extended into the third playing of the day of the British national anthem.

The ballet was Giselle, the sorry tale of a hapless young maiden discarded by a nobleman. The Queen may have wished she had left such tales behind in London.

She concluded her first day with a reception at the British Embassy for 200 eminent Russians, but one of the most celebrated living Russians, the writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn was absent. He was said to be too busy putting the roof on his new dacha.

McDonald's warms up its welcome

By Robin Young

THE McDonald's fast-food chain has abandoned its traditional style of greeting customers. The set form of words — "Thank you, please call again" is to be replaced by what the company describes as "more warmth over the counter".

Carmell Flatley, McDonald's assistant vice-president of human resources, says that surveys among staff and customers last year revealed the deficiency of formulaic greetings which the company formerly dictated as "absolute instructions" for use by counter staff in its 550 branches. "They thought we were a bit brash, a bit arrogant, a bit too clinical," Ms Flatley told *Personnel Management Plus* magazine. Ms Flatley said research also showed that McDonald's staff disliked having to use the set words time after time. "It emerged that people felt uncomfortable, mainly because the words sounded forced after the umpteenth time," Ms Flatley said.

Staff are now given "freedom to use a personalised version of the old line, as long as it is sanctioned by the restaurant manager". Ms Flatley said McDonald's in Britain had never resorted to the use of the "have a nice day" formula popular in America.

One McDonald's manager in Liverpool said: "We have all attended courses at Hamburger University, the company's training centre at headquarters, and we know the company takes staff training very seriously indeed.

"The new approach does not mean staff can indulge in excessive familiarity, or use colloquialisms that might be thought offensive. What it does mean is that staff can suit their remark to the customer.

"If somebody comes in regularly, for instance, it would be more sensible to say, 'See you tomorrow' instead of 'Please call again'."

Suicide verdict on Savile

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT

LADY Alethea Savile committed suicide after her family stopped her allowance in an effort to stop her drug-taking, an inquest was told yesterday.

The body of Lady Alethea, 31, who was once engaged to James Gilbey, a friend of the Princess of Wales, was found last month at her flat in Chelsea.

In May, her allowance had been stopped by Lord and Lady Mexborough, her father and stepmother, to encourage her to get a job and take charge of her life.

Her body was discovered by her brother, Viscount Pollington, who told Westminster Coroner's Court that he had had a premonition of her death earlier in the evening.

After discovering the body, he and a friend drove to Barnes, southwest London, where he "got involved in a scuffle". The coroner, Dr Paul Knapman asked: "With people who might have been connected with drugs?" He replied: "That was my belief."

Lady Alethea had taken a lethal cocktail of heroin, cocaine and a mood-stabilising drug. She had been receiving treatment for depression for some time and had taken an overdose in March.

Recording a verdict of suicide, Dr Knapman said Lady Alethea had been "quite clearly suffering from depression and this was made rather more complicated by her taking drugs".

Jailed driver loses appeal

The widow of a man killed by a motorist who had been drinking was in court yesterday to hear the driver lose his appeal against his three-year jail sentence. Allyson Burgess, of Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, said afterwards she was pleased the sentence on Dean Ryan, 27, of Edmonton, north London, had been upheld but "it was a shame it was not increased".

The Court of Appeal held Ryan's prison term for causing the death of Martin Burgess, 34, by dangerous driving was "in no way excessive or wrong in principle".

St Bart's plea

Tony Blair yesterday accused John Major of plotting the destruction of a great national institution as he threw his weight behind the campaign to save St Bartholomew's Hospital in central London. The Labour leader said that while the Prime Minister posed as the "great protector" of the NHS, he was doing much to undermine it.

Drivers' SOS

A group of lorry drivers stranded for nearly six days aboard a Channel ferry sent out an SOS yesterday. The five Britons, two Dutchmen and a Pole spoke out after a an attempt to drive their lorries off the Ferrylink ship *Al Hussein*, which has been seized in a complex and bitter dispute over salvage.

Pensioners' jail

A wing for pensioners serving life sentences is being planned by the prison service to cope with the increase in older men in jail. The unit within the grounds of Kingston prison, Portsmouth, will hold 30 men over 60 and will include a wheelchair ramp, raised beds and special lifts. The cost is put at £175,000.

Time waster

A second man has been jailed for wasting police time during the hunt for Abbie Humphries, the baby abducted from a Nottingham hospital. Peter Hadden, 32, from Rossendale, Lancashire, was sentenced to four months by Burnley magistrates yesterday, the day after Abbie was baptised in Nottingham.

Rally deaths

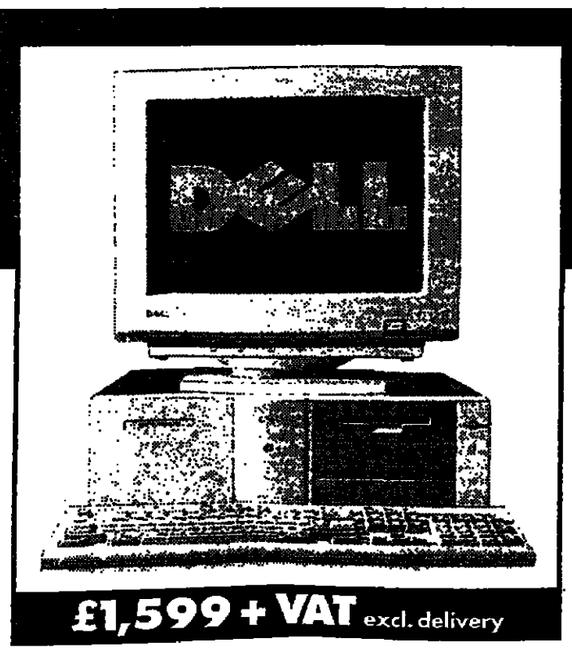
A pregnant woman and her father who were killed at a classic car rally on a Ministry of Defence test track in Chobham, Surrey, have been named as Susan Brooks, 31, a research scientist, of St Albans, Hertfordshire, and *Robert Wiggins, 61*, a specialist car restorer from Ottershaw, Surrey.

Drink queue

About three million people are waiting for help with drink problems, according to Alcohol Concern. It claims more than four in ten health authorities offer insufficient help. However, the Government dismissed the figures as "dubious" and accused the charity of scaremongering.

Plea for pardon

Adrian and Bernadette Mooney, the British couple sentenced to *28 months in* a Romanian jail for attempting to smuggle a baby out of the country, are to appeal for a presidential pardon.



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Students left crammer school in Oxford to search out victim in London

A-level pupil 'killed complete stranger for ultimate dare'

BY RICHARD DUCE

A FORMER Gordonstoun schoolboy was persuaded by a fellow A-level student to murder a complete stranger for the "ultimate dare", the Old Bailey was told yesterday.

Jamie Petrolini, a former pupil at the Prince of Wales's old boarding school who dreamed of an Army career with the SAS regiment, was drawn into the fantasy world of Richard Elsey, a fellow student.

Mr Elsey, a former pupil at Dr Challoner's Grammar School, convinced Mr Petrolini he was a second lieutenant in the Parachute Regiment with SAS connections. The murder would be "some sort of initiation test", David Calvert-Smith, for the prosecution, said.

The students, then both 18 and studying to re-take their science A-levels, left their crammer school in Oxford for London to search out and kill an innocent victim, he said.

After getting off the coach at Victoria they went to the King's Cross area. Mr Petrolini said later that the idea was to find a pimp or a drug dealer to kill, the court was told.

A dancer at a King's Cross pub remembers speaking to two young men, one of whom asked: "Where are the best pimps around here?" Two barmen also remember Mr Petrolini going into their pub. He was in the toilet so long they thought he must have been taking drugs. In fact he was changing his clothes, Mr Calvert-Smith said. The court was told that the pair abandoned their ideas for King's Cross and travelled to Bayswater, west London. They allegedly wandered around looking for a suitable candidate to kill.

The chosen victim was Egyptian-born Mohammed el-Sayed, 44, who had spent a few hours with a friend at a casino. They saw Mr el-Sayed, a chef from Hornsey, north London, and married with two young children, waiting at a give-way sign on his way home.

He was ambushed by the students at the sign, Mr Calvert-Smith said. Mr Petrolini later told police that he jumped into the front seat and unlocked the rear door so that Mr Elsey could get in the back.

Mr Calvert-Smith said that Mr Petrolini held a knife to Mr el-Sayed's throat and told him to keep calm. On Mr Petrolini's instructions Mr el-Sayed drove a short distance, pulled up and was killed. His throat was slashed just below his adam's apple, Mr Calvert-Smith said.

The initial thrust was followed by many stab wounds to the chest, which were to prove the fatal blows. The victim struggled for life and doctors found wounds on a hand where he had tried to prevent himself being stabbed. According to Mr Petrolini, Mr Elsey reached over from the back seat to stop the Arab from screaming while he was stabbed with the £30 commando knife bought from a mail order firm in Norfolk, the court was told.

After the murder Mr Petrolini took the victim's car keys and spectacles. They then caught a coach back to Oxford from Victoria Station leaving Mr el-Sayed inside his car where he was found by a passer-by on January 15. Mr Calvert-Smith said it was uncertain if Mr el-Sayed had been murdered late the night before or in the small hours of that morning.

Police were baffled by the apparently motiveless murder but the students were trapped after Mr Petrolini began telling fellow students what he had done the evening before his nineteenth birthday.

Mr Calvert-Smith said the pair had returned to Oxford and initially carried on as normal although Mr Petrolini's standard of work began to slip. "However, whether he had a conscience or was boasting or a bit of both Mr Petrolini couldn't keep what he'd done to himself. He told one acquaintance that he'd been to London on business for the SAS and while he was there had killed a businessman."

He later produced his victim's glasses at a restaurant in Oxford while eating with a girl student and spat some fake blood onto the table. The girl was bemused and Mr Elsey, who was also there, showed no emotion. At the beginning of February Mr Petrolini then confessed to a fellow student that he had killed someone and, after a similar confession to another colleague, the principal was informed and the police contacted. Police found the commando knife in Elsey's room. It still had traces of blood which, the prosecution alleged, matched those of the dead man after DNA tests.

After his arrest Mr Petrolini was allowed to see his parents and allegedly saluted and then told them: "I did it for Queen and country."

Mr Petrolini, 19, of Grantown-on-Spey, Highlands, and Mr Elsey, 19, of Beaconsfield, Buckinghamshire, both deny murder on or around January 14 or 15 this year. The defence will argue that Mr Petrolini was of diminished responsibility at the time and should be convicted of manslaughter on those grounds.

The trial continues.



Elsey: allegedly persuaded fellow student to kill stranger after convincing him he was an officer in the Parachute Regiment

Norwegian girl aged 5 killed by playmates

FROM REUTER IN OSLO

A NORWEGIAN girl aged five was killed by boys her own age, police said yesterday in a case with horrifying echoes of the James Bulger murder.

Silje Marie Redegaard died in a suburb of Trondheim, mid-Norway, while romping in the first snow of the winter at the weekend, the victim of an onslaught by playmates.

Police declined to give any details of the attack but the *Verdens Gang* newspaper said she was trampled to death in an icy puddle and hit with a stone.

Chief Inspector Harald Moholt told Reuter: "The girl was maltreated by friends her own age and died as a result of this. We have had three boys in for talks but they have given different explanations."

Mr Moholt added that it was still unclear how many took an active part in the attack on Saturday but most of the police investigation was over. "We believe it's reasonably clear what happened," he said.

The killing immediately drew comparisons with the murder last year of James Bulger, who was beaten and killed by two ten-year-old boys in Liverpool.

Verdens Gang said one of the boys had told police they had asked the girl to undress, which she did. Then the three boys took turns jumping on her while she was lying in the puddle. One of the boys also fetched a stone which was used to hit her on the head and body, the daily national newspaper reported.

The incident took place not far from a residential area where many families with young children live.

"We did not kill her, Mummy. We are too young for that," one of the boys, aged six, had told his parents and police, according to *Verdens Gang*. The newspaper said it had spoken to the boy's mother, who said police had questioned him for seven hours.

On Sunday night, Silje Marie's father placed a candle, a letter, a red rose and a picture of her in the snow where her body was found. "Thanks for everything. Rest in peace. The memories of you will always be with us," the letter read.

The piece of paper, which had been placed in a plastic folder to protect it from the falling snow, carried the names of the girl's mother, father, brother and sister.

The boys who caused her death cannot stand trial because they are all below the minimum age of 15 years. But they may be given treatment at home or placed in an institution for a limited period of time.

Jon Venables and Robert Thompson were sentenced to a minimum of 15 years in custody for killing James Bulger. His death shocked the nation and fuelled debate about youth crime.

Girls say pleas for help went unheeded

BY KATE ALDERSON

PASSENGERS on a train ignored the cries for help of three teenage girls as a group of six boys indecently assaulted two of them and threatened them with a meat cleaver, a court was told yesterday.

A 16-year-old girl told South Sefton Youth Court in Bootle, Merseyside, that she appealed for help from six men after her 14-year-old friend was pinned to the floor and assaulted.

She said: "I ran down the carriage. I tried to ask someone to help but no one did anything. There was a group of about six men and they just looked at me."

The three girls — two were aged 14 and one 15 at the time of the alleged attack on May 1 — claim that two of them were indecently assaulted on a Southport to Liverpool train. Six youths from the Toxteth and Dingle areas of Liverpool, aged from 14 to 16, deny attacking them.

The 16-year-old girl said the boys had become "intimidating" after trying to strike up a conversation with them. Then she saw one of her friends being dragged to the floor. "They had her pinned down by the arms and had their hands down her top," she said.

"She was very distressed and saying, 'Get off, help'." She told the court that her other friend was attacked by some other boys who were trying to undo her trousers.

While she went to try to get help, her friends had managed to get free of the boys and joined her in another carriage. But the boys had followed them and one had a meat cleaver with which he cut the seat.

The case continues.

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Michael and Julie Seale, who have been trying to have a child for more than seven years

Too old at 37 for fertility treatment

BY A STAFF REPORTER

A CHILDLESS woman lost her battle yesterday to challenge a health authority's ruling that she was too old for fertility treatment.

Julie Seale, 37, had wanted leave to seek a test case declaration that Sheffield Health Authority had acted illegally, improperly and irrationally in denying her IVF treatment. But Mr Justice Auld ruled that the authority had been legally entitled to use the age criteria because of budget restrictions.

The authority refused treatment for Mrs Seale, of Sheffield, on the ground that its IVF budget was restricted to £200,000. It said that to make the best use of its resources, it had to set a criteria limiting treatment "to those for whom there would be the greatest benefit". The medical advice it had received, contested by Mrs Seale, was that such treatment was generally less effective in women over 35.

The judge said it was not for the courts to decide what was an appropriate cut-off point for IVF, even though, if Mrs Seale had gone private, she could have applied for treatment up to the age of 42 in the same area.

Mrs Seale, who became infertile because of the medical condition endometriosis, wept as she left the High Court. She and her husband Michael, a postman, have for seven years undergone other treatment in the hope of having a child.

Mrs Seale said the health authority had acted contrary to a pledge given by Tom Sackville, a health minister, that no one would be refused health service treatment on the grounds of age. The couple are considering whether to appeal.

Naval attache dismissed

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A FORMER naval attache to China who went on intelligence-gathering missions was fined £15,000 and dismissed the service with disgrace at a court martial yesterday after being convicted of fraudulent expenses claims.

Captain Allan Armstrong, 53, had worked at the British embassy in Peking for four years. At his court martial in Portsmouth he was told he escaped being sent to prison only because he was entitled to some of the money he had claimed on expenses.

He had been accused of claiming more than £2,000 by deception. The court martial hearing was told he had applied for a "breather" allowance that entitled him to claim an economy class flight to a holiday destination. However, he claimed for a full package holiday to Thailand and the Philippines.



Armstrong: submitted fraudulent expenses

Commodore Norman Hodgson, president of the court panel, told Armstrong: "Had you not been entitled to a large proportion of the money you obtained you would have gone to prison. It is not your rank that has kept you out of prison."

During the five-day court martial, Armstrong said his duties in China had included "intelligence gathering" for the Government. As a naval attache, part of his role would have been to gather "overt" intelligence, including travelling when possible to military establishments and to keep abreast of military developments in China.

Yesterday, the court martial was told that Armstrong, from Cornwall, had assets of £227,000, excluding his home. Dismissal from the service means he can no longer use the rank of captain. He was also ordered to suffer the consequential penalties arising from losing his rank. However, a Navy spokesman said his pension would not be affected.

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Channel Tunnel train offers speed and comfort rather than low fares

Eurostar service to Paris challenges airline dominance

By Tim Jones and Marianne Curphey

PRICES announced yesterday for Eurostar, the direct train service from London to European capitals, will challenge the dominance of the airlines on two of the world's most lucrative short-haul routes.

Although the cheapest Eurostar fare is higher than the lowest standard airline fare, Eurostar offers passengers a city centre to city centre journey.

Fares to Paris and Brussels through the Channel Tunnel will range from £195 for a first-class return to £95 for a standard return booked at least 14 days in advance. An ordinary standard-class return fare will be £155.

Reservations for travel will open next Monday and the prices apply to a "discovery" service operating to the beginning of next year.

The walk-on passenger trains will complete the London to Paris journey in just three hours, taking 15 minutes more to Brussels. Jim Butler, chairman of European Passenger Services, said: "They will symbolise travel in the 21st century and bring in a new golden age of railways."



Edgley: "More comfort than the airlines"

The start-up limited services offered by Eurostar come after more than a year of frustration and delay.

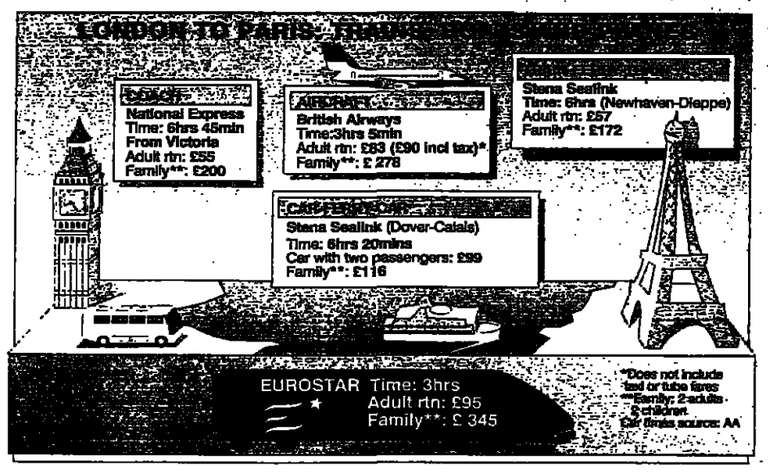
Because of continuing problems with the tunnel, the initial service will offer only two return trips a day, Monday to Friday, between London and Paris and Brussels. The tunnel will continue to be closed on Saturday for continuing engineering work. Passengers will, however, be able to travel on Sunday evenings, offering the prospect of a long weekend in Paris.

The cheapest return fare will be £85 each for groups of between 10 and 40 people, although children between the ages of 4 and 12 can travel for £77.50. Children under 4 will travel free but will not be allocated separate seats.

British Airways, which carries more than a million people a year to Paris from Heathrow, Gatwick and Luton, claimed yesterday to be unconcerned but Eurostar has the potential to make a huge inroad into its business.

A British Airways spokesman said: "Our return fares range from a pre-booked £83 return to £245 and are flexible and fast. We welcome competition." However, from next month, an extra £7 will be added to air fares when airport taxes are introduced.

But when Eurostar works up to a full service of at least 14 return trains a day to Paris towards the end of next year the service will be capable of carrying 4 million return travellers a year, leading to an intense price-cutting war. According to the Civil Aviation Authority, 3.3 million people travelled last year to Paris from Gatwick and Heathrow.



Keith Betton, of the Association of British Travel Agents, said: "The fares will probably be attractive to business travellers but for the man who has been flying to Paris for £50 on special offers it looks rather expensive at the moment.

"There is bound to be competition among the airlines. The launch of the Eurostar is, however, good news for British travellers because it gives them another choice and will encourage better value and better quality."

As they speed through the English countryside at 100mph and the plains of northern France at 186mph, first-class passengers will be able to enjoy fine food. A typical menu will include niçoise salad, grilled beef fillet or poached salmon, cheese, fresh strawberry flan with tea and coffee or Belgian chocolates.

Standard-class passengers will be able to buy a range of sandwiches and pastries from one of the train's two buffet cars or wait at their seat for the mobile trolly service. A whisky or glass of wine will be priced between £2 and £3.

Richard Edgley, managing director of European Passenger Services, which is the British arm of Eurostar, said: "We don't see competition just in terms of fares. We are running city centre to city centre in competitive times and in considerably more comfort than the airlines and we shall get a major share of the market."

Because it is a cross-border service, passengers will pass through security controls at the Waterloo terminal and will have their passports checked while travelling.

Once on the trains, travellers will be able to use telephones.

While the "discovery" service operates, trains will leave from London to Paris, Monday to Friday, at 8.23am and at 3.53pm, and on Sunday at 5.23pm. London to Brussels departure times will be, Monday to Friday, at 10.23am and 4.23pm, and on Sunday at 4.23pm.

Next year, Eurostar trains will operate from Edinburgh, Manchester and Birmingam, to be followed by night services from Glasgow, Plymouth and Swansea.

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University distanced from IQ research

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE University of Ulster has distanced itself from a professor of psychology who declared that white people were more intelligent than blacks and men brighter than women.

Professor Richard Lynn made his claim after reviewing international studies that showed male brains on average were four ounces heavier than female brains.

He claimed that as brain size was linked to IQ, this meant men were on average more intelligent than women. "The male IQ advantage explains why in Britain males obtain approximately twice as many first-class degrees as females" he said.

Yesterday Professor Lynn declined to comment. The university issued a statement saying: "Any views expressed, whether by Professor Lynn personally or in his publications, are his own and not those of the university. His work in the field of intelligence is necessarily a complex one and does not lend itself to generalisation."

After earlier research, Professor Lynn reported: "The difference in IQ between whites and blacks is about 15 points." The aim of his work was to investigate whether nutrition could explain the alleged difference.

Increase in road traffic may be last straw for rare birds

By Nick Nuttall
Environment Correspondent

SOME of Britain's best-loved birds are being dramatically reduced in number by the growth in road traffic, a leading wildlife charity is claiming.

Up to 5,000 barn owls, a rare species whose numbers have tumbled since the Second World War, are being killed each year after colliding with cars and lorries. The road fatalities mean that barn owls, of which there are only 5,000 breeding pairs, are only just managing to keep pace with the carnage.

Other, such as willow warblers, are finding it difficult to breed because the roar of engine noise is drowning out the males' courting song.

Traffic fumes are also altering the delicate balance of insects, flowers and animals upon which some bird species depend. Up to 60 per cent of bird life can disappear in a corridor 1,800m wide from a road with the impact directly related to the level and density of traffic.



The barn owl: up to 5,000 die each year in traffic collisions. Fumes and engine noise are also destroying wildlife

The findings, by the Royal Society for the Protection Birds, are being used to justify a shift in campaigning strategy that will be unveiled soon in the society's first major transport policy document. The RSPB has always fought against road building if a scheme has directly threatened one of its 130 reserves. However, evidence on the wider damage to bird life have promoted the RSPB to gear up for a wider offensive.

It mirrors similar shifts in strategy by other mainstream conservation groups including the National Trust. The trust is required to protect its landscapes from damage and it has around 60 sites threatened by the £19 billion road-building programme.

Barnaby Briggs, who recently joined the RSPB from Shell to spearhead its transport policy, said: "We are terribly worried and concerned about the impacts that roads are having on wildlife and it is our job to try and get policy makers and the public to realise this."

He emphasised that the society was not anti-roads but that it would challenge those where the environmental damage to birds and their habitats was not offset by compelling economic benefits.

Mr Briggs said barn owls were attracted to verges for voles. "More roads and traffic are now killing twice as many barn owls as in the 1950s. In some areas so many have been killed on the roads that suitable habitat no longer has barn owls on it."

He said research showed that road noise could damage birds such as lapwing, blacktailed godwit, redshank and ruff up to a mile away from roads "leading to feeding or roosting areas being abandonded". A new road can also seriously harm willow warblers as it seems the females cannot hear the males' song. This effect is apparent up to 200m from the road.

Girl died on 'too fast' ride

Police and safety experts were investigating claims that a schoolgirl killed when she was flung from a fairground ride had said it was going too fast. Suzanne Ramsden, 15, of Wigan, was on the Speedway ride at Ashton-in-Makerfield, Greater Manchester, on Saturday when she fell.

Fraud sentence

Nkechi Amalu-Johnson, 46, of Kingsbury, northwest London, former head of Brent council's housing committee, was sentenced to 200 hours' community service by Southwark Crown Court after admitting three charges of mortgage and income fraud.

Hospital ticket

A double-decker bus rushed Angela Sotheron, 15, to hospital when she suffered a severe asthma attack. Geoff Fields drove to Booth Hall Hospital, Manchester, after Angela began fighting for breath during the trip to school.

Children shot

A sniper injured six children with an airgun as they walked home from school. The man hit the lower limbs of five girls and a boy, aged 11 to 14, in Exmouth, Devon. One girl required surgery to remove a pellet.

Charity helpers

Children at secondary schools raise about £15 million a year for charity. A survey of 343 schools found that they raised an average of £3,800 each last year. More than a third went to local causes and a fifth abroad.

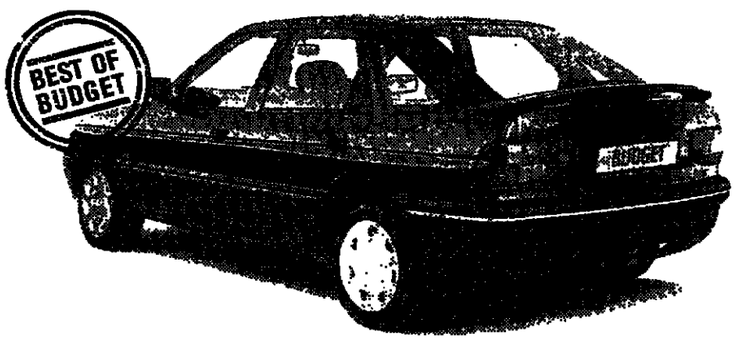
Banana ban

Bananas have been banned from packed lunches at Copnor infants school in Portsmouth because Buddy Davies, 4, has a severe allergy to them and becomes seriously ill if he even touches one.

Stags on loose

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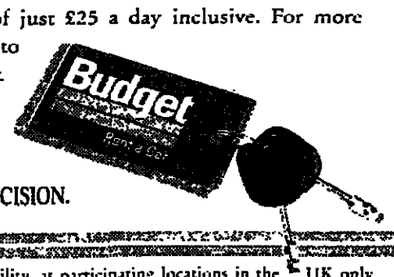
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Rifkind announces next step towards normality in Ulster

BY NICHOLAS WOOD, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT, AND NICHOLAS WATT

MOVES to lower the profile of troops in Northern Ireland are being planned by ministers as the next step towards its long-term goal of removing soldiers from the streets of Ulster.

The Government has already responded to the reduced terrorist threat by opening some border roads and allowing soldiers to patrol without helmets and camouflage cream.

Yesterday, Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, told MPs that further steps towards restoring normality in Ulster would be announced "in the coming months, provided that the terrorist threat permits ...". The disclosure came as John Major briefed James Molyneaux, leader of the Ulster Unionists, at Downing Street on his plans to open exploratory talks with Sinn Fein.

A Cabinet committee meeting this week is expected to proceed to talks on the "working assumption" that the IRA and loyalist paramilitary ceasefires are permanent.

The Rev Ian Paisley yesterday condemned the Ulster peace process as "counterfeit" because he claimed the IRA had received three shipments of arms since it declared a ceasefire in August. In an ill-tempered press conference at the headquarters of his Democratic Unionist Party in East Belfast, Mr Paisley said that a source in the Ministry of Defence had told him that the arms had been smuggled to the terrorists in the Irish Republic. He added that the FBI had also warned the British Government that the IRA was still trying to buy arms.

Mr Paisley said: "As long as IRA/Sinn Fein remains undefeated and retains its tools of murder and destruction the Union will remain under physical threat."

The British Army declined to comment on his allegations. In the Irish Republic a Garda source said that the IRA had received no arms shipments since the ceasefire and he described Mr Paisley's comments as a "figment of his imagination".

However Mr Paisley's allegations underlined fears in Northern Ireland that the IRA ceasefire might not last. Ken Maginnis, the Ulster Unionist security spokesman, said that the IRA might unleash a "vicious backlash" in January.

Speaking at the start of a two-day Commons debate on the Government's defence policy, Mr Rifkind said yesterday: "It can never be normal for soldiers to be deployed on the streets of the United Kingdom. Our aim is to remove soldiers from the streets of Northern Ireland — but when it is safe to do so, and not a moment sooner."

Force levels would be kept under review and reduced when it was safe to do so, he said. For the time being, "all the terrorist groupings still retain a substantial capability for carrying out further acts of violence without notice", he told MPs. Earlier, Lord Cranborne, Leader of the Lords, had maintained the Government's cautious stance towards the IRA ceasefire in a Lords debate on recent events in Ulster.

IRA trial judge accused of bias

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR barrister yesterday accused the judge hearing the trial of alleged IRA terrorists of bias, bullying and of "climbing into the boxing ring" to deliver blows for the prosecution.

Ronald Thwaites, QC, defending Thomas McAuley, 37, said that Mr Justice Alliott had "personally tried to prevent the jury from forming an independent view of the case".

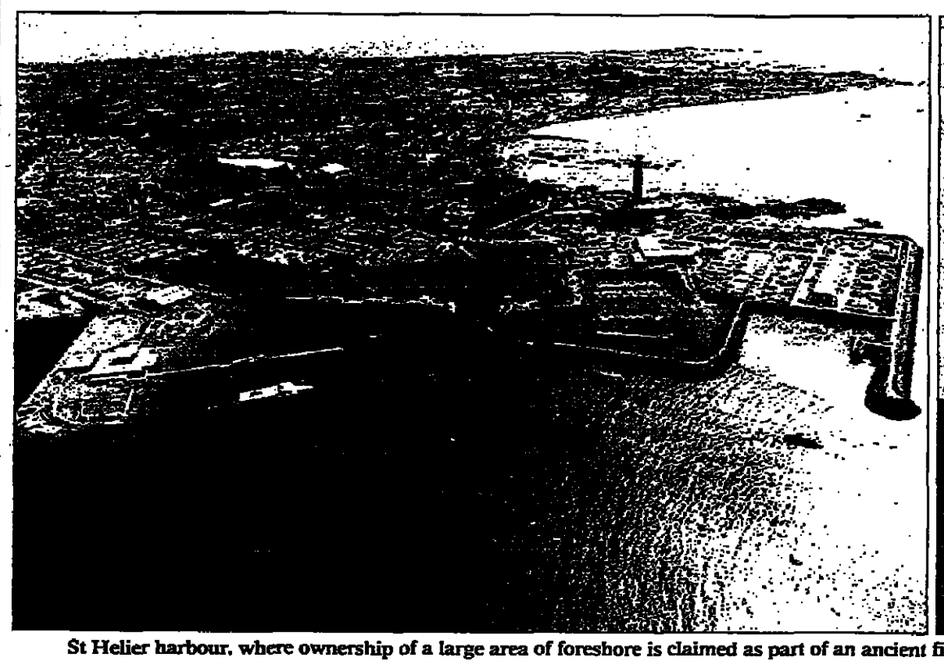
On one morning of the trial, Mr Thwaites said, the judge closed his eyes as the defence presented its case. "Of course he was not asleep but ... the closed eyes of a judge is the judicial equivalent of telling you our case is a load of rubbish."

Mr Thwaites said that the judge had been hyperactive throughout the case. "He has climbed into the boxing ring time after time and in doing so has not done his job as the referee of the case. He has been delivering blows for the prosecution. When he saw McAuley on the ropes it was not the prosecution hitting him below the belt but the judge himself."

Mr Thwaites, making his closing speech to the jury, said the judge had been sending the jurors powerful signals "that he does not like my client and he does not believe a word of his case. This may have pressed you and coloured your thinking. You may have already closed your minds to me because of the judge's behaviour."

The danger, he went on, was that the jury might have been tempted to dismiss his case before it had even been developed. "You may have been influenced improperly by the judge so, for all I know, an injustice has already been done."

Mr McAuley and two others are alleged to have been involved in planting 12 bombs in the London area between October 1 and October 8 last year and planning 10 more explosions.



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St Helier harbour, where ownership of a large area of foreshore is claimed as part of an ancient fiefdom by Richard Falle, right

Lawyer uses feudal title in battle of the beach

BY ANDREW PIERCE

ONE of Jersey's leading lawyers is using an obscure feudal title, which has been in his family for years, to try to win legal control of a £1 billion development site on the island.

Richard Falle is one of the best known citizens on the island and a former president of the influential local history association. Having encountered stiff opposition to his eight-year-old plan to build a marina for 1,200 boats on the industrial foreshore of St Helier, he has resorted to the Norman law of fiefdoms. Mr Falle, an advocate in the Royal Courts, acquired the seigneur's feudal rights, La Fief de la Fosse, for the land at Havre des Pas. The fiefdom, a birthday present for his wife, gives him rights over the foreshore.

Tradition says the rights extend as far as the seigneur could ride his horse into the sea at low tide. Mr Falle is asserting that the feudal rights over the foreshore, which boasts the island's main power station, a fuel farm, and a large area of reclaimed land, include ownership. Crown officers on Jersey are implacably opposed to the claims. The battle will go from Jersey to the Privy Council, to the House of Lords and ultimately to Strasbourg. If Mr Falle wins, the States — the island's parliament — has been advised by lawyers that he would own everything built on the land in perpetuity.

Mr Falle is a former president of *Societe Jersiaise* which is leading the opposition to the marina development, which is in an area of immense biological interest. A survey by the *societe* showed 85 per cent opposition to the plans. The high tides at the site are an ideal breeding ground for wading birds such as the dunlin, ringed plover, turnstone and the grey plover. Many locals fear the wildlife will be destroyed. Mr Falle has, however, enlisted the support of bilogists from Portsmouth University.

Six years ago Mr Falle was the toast of the island because of his spirited campaign to restore to Jersey a prehistoric monument that was moved to England 200 years ago.

That campaign is also still being waged.

Rail crash inquiry to be held in public

AN INDEPENDENT inquiry is to be held into the collision on a single railway track of two passenger trains in which five people died, Dr Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, said yesterday (Lin Jenkins writes).

Evidence will be heard in public and the findings published by the inquiry, which will be led by a member of the Railway Inspectorate.

Crash investigators said yesterday they believed they had discovered the cause of the crash but would pass the information to the inquiries. Railtrack, the track owners, and Network South Central, the operators, are carrying out their own inquiry.

The trains crashed in fog 400yds south of Cowden station on the Kent-Sussex border on Saturday. Eleven people were injured.

The driver of the train removed from the wreckage yesterday was named as David Rees, 49, of Shirley, southwest London. The driver of the other train has yet to be formally identified.

Health chief resigns

THE chief executive of the Health Education Authority resigned yesterday, seven months before the end of his contract (Jeremy Laurance writes).

Spencer Hagard is known to be critical of proposals, contained in an unpublished government report, to turn the authority into a commissioning agency. A decision on the authority's future was expected last May but the Health Department said last night that ministers were still undecided on the issue.

Forensic scientist drops libel action

A FORMER forensic scientist whose evidence helped to convict the Birmingham Six yesterday dropped a libel action over a television programme he alleged portrayed him as negligent (Richard Ford writes).

Lawyers for Dr Frank Skuse had planned to call fresh scientific evidence suggesting that two of the Six did have traces of explosives on their hands but after a ten-day adjournment they announced the action was being discontinued. Michael Mansfield, QC, for Granada Television, which made *In the Interests of Justice*, said there were no other terms of settlement.

Dr Skuse, 59, said he had abandoned the action because, without access to unlimited cash, he had reached the stage where the financial risk could damage his wife and outweigh the objects of his action.

After the hearing at the High Court, Ian McBride, who produced the 1985 programme, said: "We stand by our programme. We have not apologised to Dr Skuse or paid any damages or costs".

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Bishop approves ordination of 200 part-time vicars

BY RUTH GLEDHILL
RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

PLANS to ordain up to 200 more clergy in one diocese were announced yesterday by the new Bishop of Salisbury, the Rt Rev David Stancliffe.

After three months in a caravan touring all 452 parishes across his 2,000 square mile diocese, Bishop Stancliffe has decided that the only solution to a serious clergy shortage is to ordain dozens more.

He has asked each parish without a vicar to nominate a man or woman to be ordained. The chosen lay leader, already likely to have an active role in the church, would then become a non-stipendiary, part-time vicar.

If the vicarage had not been sold, they could move into it. Alternatively, they might live in their own house or receive help in buying a new vicarage. Similar schemes have been running in other dioceses but this is the first to be launched on such a scale.

Bishop Stancliffe said: "My hope is that the whole diocese will say these are the things that we should be doing together. There is so much more strength when we are seen to be united."



Stancliffe: three months touring his diocese

When Bishop Stancliffe moved to Salisbury from his former incumbency as provost of Portsmouth last December, he found himself in a diocese with nearly 600 churches and only 270 full-time paid clergy to run them. The bishop said that on his travels, followed up by in-depth talks with parishes, those without their own vicar had described how much they missed talking to him or her and having them there among them.

Kevin Catchpole, diocesan spokesman, said: "Many of our parishes are now grouped into teams, with in some cases a single clergyman having to minister to three or four. In one village without a vicar, a retired clergyman is exercising almost a full-time ministry."

He said the streamlining of countryside ministry into "team ministry" had been unavoidable. "With the rationalisation, which we had to do because of declining numbers and costs, villages were put into groups. This doesn't give them the closeness of seeing their vicar around and having a church house to go to in their village.

"This is answering the cry of 'Give us back our vicar', in the same way as villages cried 'give us back our bobbies'. Villagers didn't realise until they lost him what a vital, unifying figure the vicar was."

PETER TREVNOR



Anthea Turner will be a regular presenter of the lottery draw

BBC dismisses rival lottery draw and lure of extra prizes

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

COMPETITION between the BBC and ITV over the National Lottery weekly draw intensified yesterday when the BBC confirmed that Noel Edmonds will announce the winners of the first £2 million jackpot on BBC1 on November 19.

As the BBC disclosed that it had signed up Anthea Turner, the breakfast television presenter, and Gordon Kennedy, a school teacher turned actor, to present subsequent lottery programmes, it emerged that ITV is planning to incorporate the winning numbers into a rival lottery programme in direct competition with the corporation.

The move represents a serious challenge to the BBC, which is understood to have paid £500,000 to the lottery operator Camelot for its three-year exclusive contract to televise the draw. It had hoped the show would attract audiences of up to 23 million, "locking in" viewers for the evening.

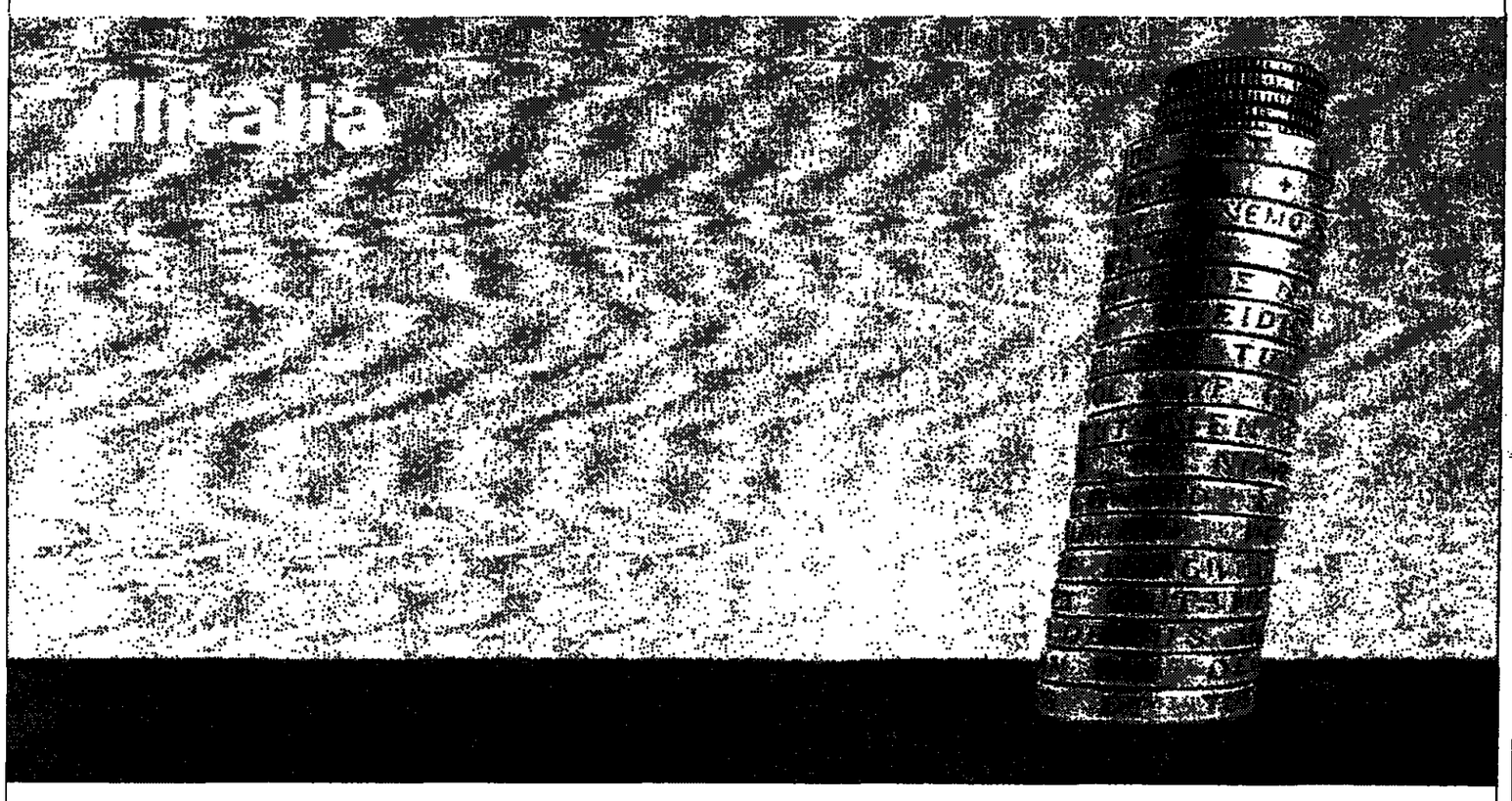
ITV, which was prevented by guidelines on commercial broadcasters from bidding for the rights to the draw, is now considering offering extra prizes on its lottery programme to woo viewers from the BBC. The spoiler operation is possible because the numbers become public property as soon as they are announced and can be re-transmitted by rival broadcasters within seconds.

Alan Yentob, controller of BBC1, said yesterday he believed that audiences would prefer to see the lottery draw live. "This is a participation game and everybody watching at home will be watching to see if they have won."

He said that given the competition between BBC1 and ITV on Saturday nights, the draw might not be broadcast at the same time each week. "There will be a general time that the audience will become familiar with," he said.

In the first televised draw 49 members of the public — each representing a number on the lottery play slip — will compete in a series of games and quizzes. The winner will press the button that starts the first draw, in which six numbered balls will be randomly selected from a drum containing 49 balls. The fee paid to Camelot by the BBC will be split 50/50 between the operator and the good causes that will receive proceeds from the game.

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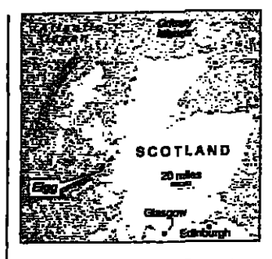
FOG was blamed for hiding a "multitude of sins" during a riot in Leeds last weekend.

Leeds magistrates were told yesterday by Ruth Bundey, a solicitor, that "some gross injustices happened" when fighting broke out outside a youth club between a 300-strong mob and police in the Chapeltown area in the early hours of Saturday. Twenty-two officers were injured.

Karina Phelan, 28, Mark Rowe, 22, Cai Nyahoe, 17, James Anderson, 26, Mark Mills, 27, and David Buffong, 29, all from Chapeltown, were remanded on bail until November 30. Karl Simpkins, 17, of Leeds, was remanded on bail to the same date on condition he live at home. All are charged with violent disorder.

Miss Bundey told the court that Mr Mills, a volunteer at the youth club, tried to calm the situation. "He never had a chance to get any words out. He was arrested."

Stephen Fox, for the prosecution, said that police had inspected a car and suddenly found themselves surrounded. The youths threatened officers but when police tried to arrest one of them they were obstructed, Mr Fox said. "The defendants assaulted the officers or threatened them." The seven also face additional assault charges.



Eigg laird evicts islanders

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH

EIGHT of the inhabitants of Eigg in the Inner Hebrides have been served eviction orders by the island's laird, Keith Schellenberg has told two families they must be out by Hogmanay.

The move is the latest in a long-running feud between the islanders and Mr Schellenberg. All the adults on Eigg have signed a petition in protest.

The eviction notices have been served on Colin and Marie Carr, who run Kildonan Farm and Guesthouse, and John Chester, Scottish Wildlife Trust's bird warden on the island for eight years.

Mr Carr was previously Mr Schellenberg's farm manager. Mrs Carr, 36, has lived on Eigg all her life and the couple have five children.

Eigg's 75 inhabitants claim Mr Schellenberg, 65, has not honoured promises to provide leases and vital services, and he has accused the islanders of "lawlessness".

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Leading black lawyer challenges professional body

Bar Council accused of racial discrimination

BY FRANCES GIBB
LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

A LEADING campaigning barrister representing black lawyers' rights made legal history yesterday when he took the Bar Council to an industrial tribunal claiming discrimination.

Peter Herbert, vice-chairman of the Society of Black Lawyers and a member of the Bar's race relations committee for five years, is bringing his case against the barristers's professional body after being disciplined for writing a letter on behalf of the society to David Pannick, QC, another barrister.

Mr Pannick had agreed to represent the Bar school, which was being investigated by the Commission for Racial Equality over allegations by black students of racism.

Mr Herbert criticised Mr Pannick for publicly opposing the Bar's race relations policy, and invited him to reconsider his position.

Mr Herbert was given an informal warning by the Bar's professional conduct committee over his letter. Yesterday he claimed racial discrimination against the Bar Council because he maintains he would not have been disciplined had he not been black and fighting for black rights.



Pannick: criticised Bar Council's race policy

The industrial tribunal in London was told that Mr Herbert and the Society of Black Lawyers were backing black law students who claimed they had been racially discriminated against by the Bar School and Council for Legal Education (CLE). The students pointed to the disproportionate number of black students failing examinations and argued there was racial discrimination in the admission of students.

John Whitmore, for Mr Herbert, told the tribunal that the CLE decided to conduct an internal review. But the Commission for Racial Equality threatened a formal investigation and Mr Pannick planned to represent the CLE in a legal battle to block the inquiry.

Mr Whitmore said the Society of Black Lawyers was concerned about Mr Pannick's suitability to act for the CLE as he had written an article in *The Times* attacking the Bar Council's policy of having 5 per cent of barristers from ethnic minorities.

Mr Whitmore said Mr Herbert wrote a letter to Mr Pannick in his capacity as vice-chairman of the Society of Black Lawyers asking him to reconsider his involvement in representing the Bar School.

Mr Pannick sent the letter to the Bar Council which took the unusual step of referring the case to the professional conduct committee, Mr Whitmore said. The Bar Council claims Mr Herbert acted improperly in putting pressure on another barrister to cease to act for a client.

Mr Whitmore said Mr Herbert, 37, was treated like a child by David James, the secretary of the professional conduct committee, and other members who said he was impertinent, publicity hungry, spoiling for a fight and totally lacking in judgment.

He added that the Bar Council was disturbed by allegations of racism and the matter blew up into something more serious than it really was.

Mr Herbert is seeking the withdrawal of the formal warning and compensation.

MICHAEL POWELL



Peter Herbert: maintains he would not have been disciplined had he not fought for black rights

Solicitor calls for reciprocal EU bail rights

BY OUR LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE lawyer acting for an innocent man who spent eight months in a Spanish jail has launched a campaign to save others from similar discrimination.

Stephen Jakobi wants new regulations that would give European Union citizens the same rights that they would have if arrested in their own country. His client, Philip Clarke, returned home to Wales two weeks ago after eight months awaiting trial in a Spanish jail.

Mr Clarke, 19, a barman from Rhyl, had been arrested on suspicion of smuggling drugs. His ordeal, which ended this month when he was cleared after a 45-minute trial, could have been avoided had he been granted bail. But Britons who are arrested abroad are unlikely to be granted bail and, like Mr Clarke, may have to wait many months before their case goes to trial.

Mr Jakobi estimates that in European Union jails alone there could be 10,000 foreigners who would not be there if they were nationals of the country concerned. "The strength of the case against the person arrested may not be considered by a judicial authority for some months, sometimes years. Police evidence amounts to no more than strong suspicion, which has been codified as sufficient grounds in some countries."

Mr Jakobi, chairman of Fair Trials International, is calling on the Home Office and the European Parliament for change. One obstacle to bail is the fear of getting the person to return to trial, he said. He proposes that if a person fails to appear for trial, he could be arrested and transferred without the normal extradition requirements having to apply.

Also, there should be common bail conditions across the EU that might require the defendant to report to his local police station which, in turn, could liaise to the prosecuting authority abroad.

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Inquiry ordered into delays on children's cases

BY FRANCES GIBB

THE Lord Chancellor has launched an inquiry into delays in the hearing of children's cases, some of which are taking more than six months to reach court despite a target of 12 weeks.

A High Court judge has condemned the "utterly unacceptable" delays in the cases, in which the court decides crucial questions such as whether an abused or neglected child should be taken into care or what contact there should be with a parent.

Responding to judicial concern, Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, has raised the need for more judges with Lord Mackay of Clashfern, Lord Chancellor.

The delays have arisen with the build-up of work since the Children Act came in three years ago. Mr Justice Singer, a judge in the Family Division, said recently that although the 12-week target might have been unrealistic, delays were such that "something has gone very badly wrong."

Ian Robertson, chairman of the Association of Lawyers for Children, cited the case of a mother applying for contact with her child who was taken into care. The child was nine months when the care order was made. "By the time her case was heard and contact agreed ... the child was over two years old."

Jeremy Bailey, secretary of the association, said: "What we are seeing is long delays in the final hearing ... You may have a local authority saying this is an abusing parent, five months before a final hearing — and then no evidence and the child goes back home."

Mr Justice Singer said there had been a 16 per cent increase in the year to July in the number of cases listed at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, compared with the year before. A case listed for three to five days at the High Court in London would now be given a date in February or March next year. Such delays, sometimes caused by wrong estimates of the length of a case, were a disaster, he said.

Nigel Shepherd, of Lace Mawer in Manchester and vice-chairman of the Solicitors Family Law Association, said delays existed in all courts. "The county court, for instance, is a complete bear pit with no consulting rooms, people hanging around in corridors. The pressure to settle is enormous."

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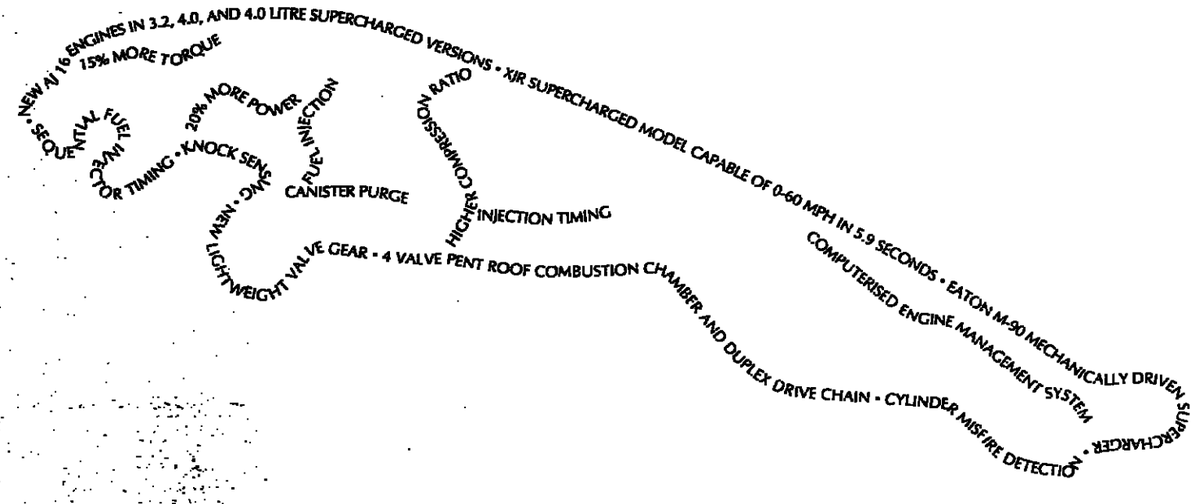
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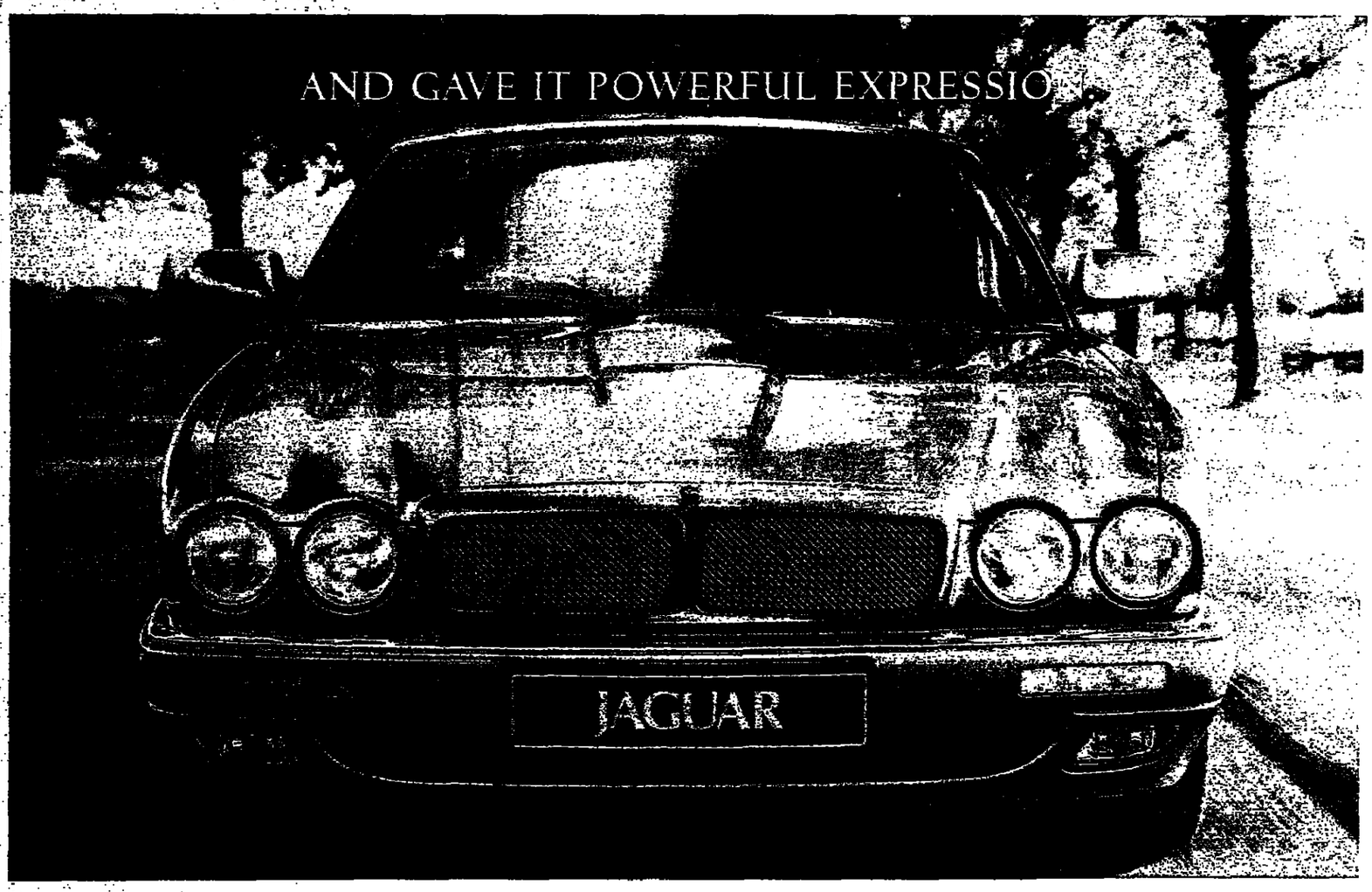
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Rifkind pressed on Thatcher arms deal

MINISTERS were challenged yesterday to clarify claims that Mark Thatcher made millions of pounds in commissions from an arms deal struck by his mother while she was Prime Minister.

Malcolm Rifkind, the Defence Secretary, insisted that he did not intend to be distracted by the affair after Tam Dalyell, the Labour MP for Linlithgow, called on him to "explain exactly what the role was of Mark Thatcher" in securing the al-Yamamah arms contract signed with the Saudi Government.

Mr Dalyell intervened on the first of a two-day Commons debate on defence.

However, Mr Rifkind retorted: "Mark Thatcher is neither a member of the Labour Party nor, so far as I am aware, a member of the Conservative Party. So I don't intend to be distracted by your intervention."

Blair bills Sawyer as builder of 'best fighting machine'

BY ARTHUR LEATHLEY, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

TONY BLAIR put in place another main component of Labour's campaign team for the next general election by announcing Tom Sawyer as the party's new general secretary.

Mr Blair introduced the former union leader as the man who will build "the best political fighting machine in this country."

Mr Sawyer, 51, former deputy general secretary of the public service Unison, was elected overwhelmingly by Labour's national executive from a shortlist of four. He has been a pivotal figure in the modernising movement under three successive Labour leaders.

He has served on the party's national executive for 12 years. Under Neil Kinnock, he was a key influence in ensuring that the leadership scored a crucial conference nuclear weapons victory over the party's unilateralists. Last year, he played a critical role in persuading union leaders to back John Smith's campaign to introduce one member one vote.

Yesterday Mr Sawyer committed himself to a detailed investigation of the 1992 Democratic election campaign. Close links between President Clinton's campaign team and Labour's strategists are expected to strengthen over the next two years and Mr Sawyer underlined Labour's willingness to learn from the Democrats' success.

Members of the Clinton team have made clear that they have not forgotten the efforts of Tory strategists in helping George Bush's Republican campaign in 1992.

Mr Sawyer said: "There were many positive elements of the Clinton campaign and of the Swedish socialists' campaign. I will make a quick and comprehensive survey of the techniques used. I would bring the best of all the experiences to bear inside the Labour Party. I'm not worried about taking ideas from other parties."

He singled out taxation as the key area of the future campaign, adding that he would also be concentrating on increasing membership and improving the party's financial base. Mr Sawyer replaces Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary for the past nine years, who is taking up the new post of European co-ordinator for the party.

Mr Blair, who has made sweeping changes at the party's Walworth Road headquarters, forming a substantially younger team, said: "We want to build the best political fighting machine in this country. Our focus now is to lead up to the next general election and we have got the right person in the right job at the right time to accomplish a victory for the Labour Party."



Tom Sawyer, Labour's new general secretary, who says he will learn from President Clinton's 1992 campaign

Unions likely to defend Clause 4

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

TONY BLAIR is facing opposition from the trade unions over his proposal to abandon the traditional commitment to public ownership in Clause Four of the party's constitution.

A survey by *The Times* of trade unions' rules suggests that three fifths of Labour's union membership is committed to the goal of public ownership. Changing the stance of these unions is likely to be difficult.

The sharp divisions suggests that supporters of Mr Blair's proposals will have to persuade each union in advance of the annual conferences next spring, giving those opposed to his plans the chance to build a campaign against them.

Mr Blair's proposal to replace Clause Four with a modern statement of Labour's aims surprised the affiliated unions when he announced it at the party conference. His close advisers are now aware that winning the support of a several key unions will be difficult because many have Clause Four's objectives written into their own consititutions. Often the only means of change are special or annual union conferences. This would leave any decision to support Mr Blair's move in the hands of union activists — the very people least likely to do so.

A survey by *The Times* of the rulebooks of all 34 unions and union sections affiliated to Labour shows that those with common ownership objectives written into their rules command a substantial majority of affiliated Labour conference votes. "Common ownership" unions can muster 2.48 million votes, while unions without such a provision in their rules have 1.6 million voting members, suggesting that supporters of Mr Blair may have to turn round a 3-2 majority.

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Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Questions: Employment; Prime Minister. Conclusion of debate on defence estimates.
Lords (2.30): Deregulation and Contracting Out Bill, report stage.

THE TIMES BRIDGE

Dealer West — No score

North: ♠K1082 ♥AQ543 ♦A ♣A76
West: ♠A ♥K10976 ♦KJ106 ♣K85
East: ♠743 ♥8 ♦Q843 ♣QJ942
South: ♠QJ965 ♥J2 ♦9752 ♣103

Opening lead: ♣5

BY JOHN GRAHAM

After West had opened with one heart, North forced a bid out of South, who found himself declarer in four spades. The five of clubs went to the jack and a trump was returned to West's ace. A second club was won in dummy. Plan the play.

Solution: South assumes West has the king of hearts. He also knows that West's ace of trumps was singleton, or he would have led another to cut down diamond ruffs. Therefore, even one more round of trumps will be fatal, as will any attempt to cash two heart tricks. The necessary play is beautifully elegant.

South ruffs dummy's third club, finesses the queen of hearts, and plays a heart back to the jack. If East discards, West is helpless because he cannot lead trumps. If East ruffs he can lead a second trump, but the ace of hearts is now a winner and the cross-ruff produces enough tricks.



KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Never say die

Every chessplayer knows the anguish of committing a horrible blunder which loses the game outright. One might expect that such incidents would not occur in master tournaments but, as today's game from the Staunton Memorial currently being played in London shows, even rated players are not immune from such nightmares. In the game which follows, the culprit was Black's 33 ... Rd3.

White: Martin
Black: O'Shaugnessy
Staunton Memorial, 1994

Trompovsky Attack

1	d4	Nf6
2	Bg5	Ne4
3	Bh4	c5
4	d5	Qb6
5	Qc1	e6
6	dxe6	dxe6
7	e3	Qb4+
8	c3	Nxc3
9	Nxc3	Qxh4
10	Bb5+	Bd7
11	Bxd7+	Nxd7
12	Nge2	Ne5
13	Qc2	Be7
14	Rd1	0-0
15	0-0	Rfd8
16	b3	Rxd1
17	Nxd1	Rd8
18	Nb2	Bd6
19	Nf4	g5
20	Nc4	Nxc4
21	bxc4	gxf4
22	exf4	Qxf4
23	g3	Qf3
24	Rd1	a6
25	Rd3	Qf6
26	Qb3	b5
27	cxb5	axb5
28	Rf3	c4
29	Qe3	Qe5
30	Qa7	Bc7
31	Qa3	Qe1+
32	Kg2	Qe4
33	Qe7	Rd3

and Black resigned on account of 34 Qxd7+ Kh8 35 Qf8 checkmate.

Diagram of final position



Staunton Society

Howard Staunton (1810-1874) was Britain's greatest chessplayer of the 19th century. He has lent his name to the Staunton pattern pieces, in universal use for important chess competitions. Sadly, Staunton now lies in an unmarked grave in Kensal Green, London.

The Staunton Society has recently been set up, with Nigel Short as its president, to raise sufficient funds for a fitting headstone for Staunton. To join the society or to attend its inaugural banquet on November 1, contact Brian Clivaz, the organiser, at Simpson's-in-the-Strand, the Staunton Society's headquarters, 100 The Strand, London WC2 (071-836 9112).

Charity board

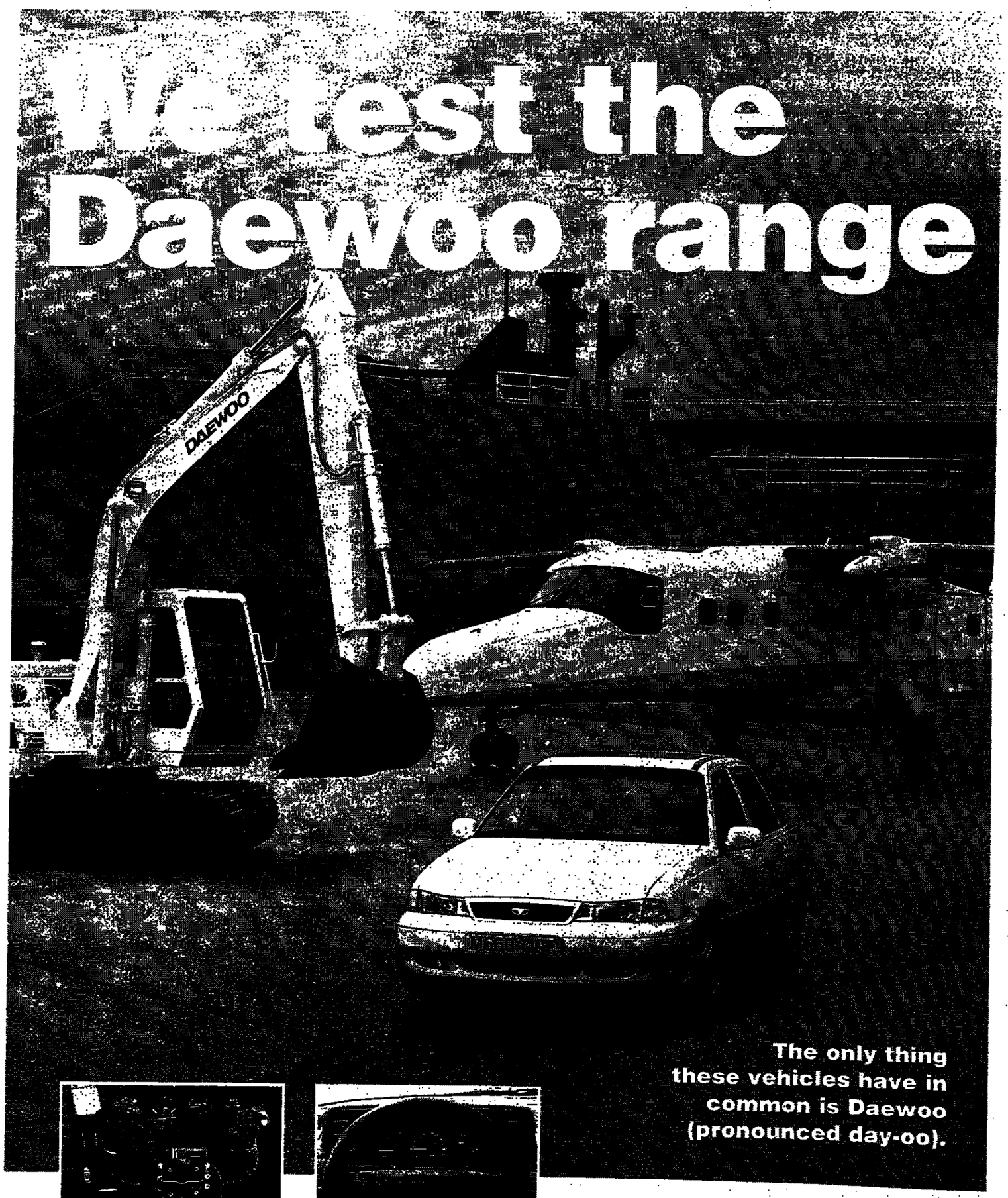
On Thursday at the Civic Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne, there will be a dinner for the Sick Children's Trust, the official charity of last year's Times World Championship. Loyd Grossman of BBC's *Masterchef*, will preside. An auction will follow, including a Staunton tournament chessboard signed by Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short.

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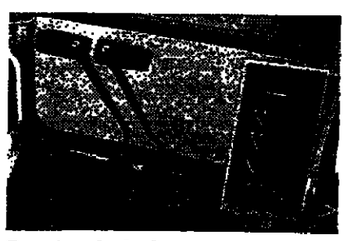


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Full marks for clarity, and an impressive array of features.



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Daewoo. Daewho? (It's actually pronounced day-oo).
I'd never heard of them either until I was asked to do this test, but they've been rolling cars off the production line for over 15 years and currently produce more vehicles per year than the largest U.K. manufacturer. Not impressed? Read on. Because they build more than just cars, Daewoo's (pronounced day-ooze) the 33rd biggest company in the world, that's bigger than Coca Cola. (Even the 3 litre party pack). So, I went to the test with a completely open mind, thinking if they're that big they must be a force to be reckoned with and at least I'd get to have a go on a digger. Was I in for a surprise?

TANKER:

Heavy rain meant conditions were less than ideal for all but the Daewoo tanker (pronounced day-oo-tanka), which handled extremely well in the weather. With an overall length of 180 metres, you could





Shadow Cabinet elections attract record women's list

BY JILL SHERMAN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

A RECORD number of women will stand in this year's shadow Cabinet elections, which look likely to bring about a major reorganisation of Tony Blair's top team.

As nominations closed yesterday 17 women had been put forward: two more than last year, alongside 35 men. They will compete for the 18 elected shadow cabinet places.

Two places have been vacated by Mr Blair and John Prescott, who are automatically in the shadow Cabinet as leader and deputy leader, but others could fall empty if present members fail to attract enough votes. Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Heritage Secretary is expected to be re-elected while Margaret Beckett and Harriet Harman are likely to take the two vacant seats.

Other women tipped to win places this year include Clare Short, spokeswoman on women's issues, and Hilary Armstrong, John Smith's parliamentary private secretary. Brian Wilson, shadow transport minister, who is considered to have done well during the rail dispute, and Alun Michael, who was Mr Blair's deputy at home affairs, are also tipped as newcomers.

Mrs Beckett, who competed in both the Leader and deputy leadership posts while she held the fort after John Smith died, is expected to be rewarded with a top job of either shadow Foreign Secretary, or shadow Home Secretary.

In a big reorganisation to be announced on Thursday or Friday, Mr Blair is expected to bring at least two new portfolios into the shadow Cabinet.

Northern Ireland and agriculture, now outside the shadow Cabinet, are likely to be included in the top 18 posts. Women's issues may also be a shadow Cabinet job, and Mr Blair is being pressed to amalgamate local government with the environment.

Two portfolios, Overseas Aid and Children and the Family, may fall victim to the changes and become front-bench responsibilities.

The 52 nominated MPs were yesterday jostling for position in a last minute burst of campaigning. All MPs have to vote for at least four women in the ballot, which takes place tomorrow, but there is no guarantee that four women will get on. The more women who are nominated, the more thinly their vote can be spread, reducing their chances.

Last year many of the old guard male Labour MPs exploited the new rule by voting for women who were unlikely to win. Mildred Gordon, 71, defied the pollsters by doubling her vote to 81, only just missing a place. However, Harriet Harman and Ann Clwyd both suffered from tactical voting by men and failed to win places.

Most insiders expect the four women in the present shadow Cabinet (including Margaret Beckett) to be replaced by either four or five women. Ann Taylor, the beleaguered shadow Education Secretary, who had her white paper hijacked by Tony Blair earlier this year, may not get re-elected. Marjorie Mowlam could move to either education or employment, jobs which are also being mooted for Harriet Harman, tipped to move from her job as shadow Chief Treasury Secretary.

Gordon Brown will remain as shadow Chancellor but most attention will focus on posts of home affairs and foreign affairs, which will be announced by Mr Blair within 48 hours of the ballot results tomorrow night.

Jack Cunningham, the shadow Foreign Secretary, who polled the lowest vote last year may not keep his job, even if he gets re-elected, and Mr Blair's old job at home affairs is vacant. Robin Cook, now at trade and industry, and Margaret Beckett are being tipped for both posts.

Jack Straw, who master-minded Mr Blair's leadership campaign, is also in line for a top job, either shadow Home Secretary or shadow Trade and Industry Secretary.

Mr Blair's hands will be largely tied by the results of the elections. But he will be keen to shift Kevin McNamara, the party's Northern Ireland spokesman, which he could do by bringing the post into the shadow Cabinet.



The 17 women candidates in tomorrow's election to the shadow cabinet (from left) Mildred Gordon, Dawn Primarolo, Ann Clwyd, Joyce Quinn, Maria Fyfe and Joan Ruddock



Margaret Beckett, Joan Walley, Irene Adams, Kate Hoey and Ann Taylor



Marjorie Mowlam, Joan Lester, Llin Golding, Hilary Armstrong, Clare Short and Harriet Harman



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PLANE:

Like the DH130-2 the plane is at its best off the road. Obviously aimed at the upwardly mobile, prices start at just over the $4 million mark.

The latest addition to the range, the Dornier 328, offers Daewoo built wings (2) and fuselage (1), a smooth ride, top class reliability (phew), good all round visibility and it's the only one capable of travelling upside down without scratching the roof. But I found the dash a little over fussy and confusing. Couldn't find the lighter anywhere.

CAR:

Though not as roomy as the tanker, nor as fast as the plane, nor as big and yellow as the DH130-2, the Daewoo Nexia pronounced (day-oo-necks-ee-aah) has an overwhelming advantage above the rest of the range, its ability to compete in the mid-sized saloon car market.

Costing a thousand times less than the tanker it represents excellent value, which is no small feat when you consider the specification available; airbag, ABS, power steering, stereo, sun roof, electric windows and fuel injection. You'll actually get the opportunity of seeing the cars for yourself at the Motor Show on stand 542 (they wouldn't allow the tanker).

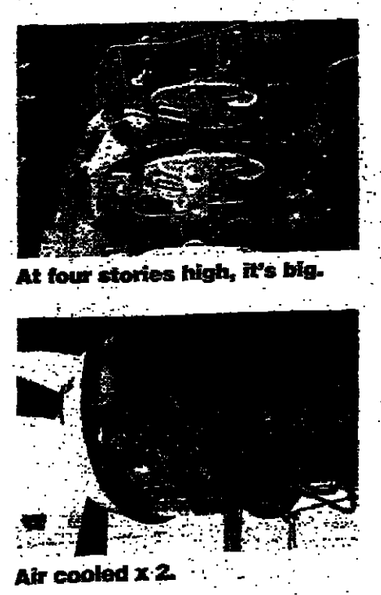
And apparently plans are already afoot for the next generation of Daewoo cars. With the former Head of Porsche Engineering at the helm, combining German technical know-how with British styling from their U.K. Technical Centre (a prototype will be at the Motor Show).

VERDICT:

There was only ever going to be one winner in a test like this. Combining build quality and performance in a refined family sized car whether for shopping, motorway driving, business or pleasure, the Daewoo Nexia wins hands down. After all let's face it, this is a car and the others aren't.

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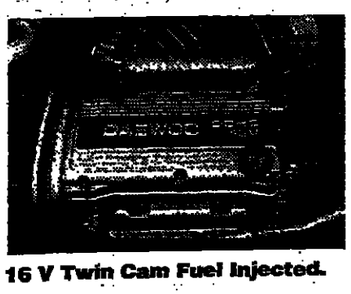


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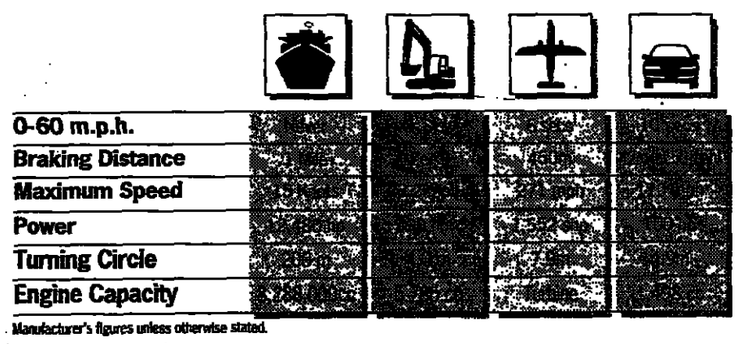
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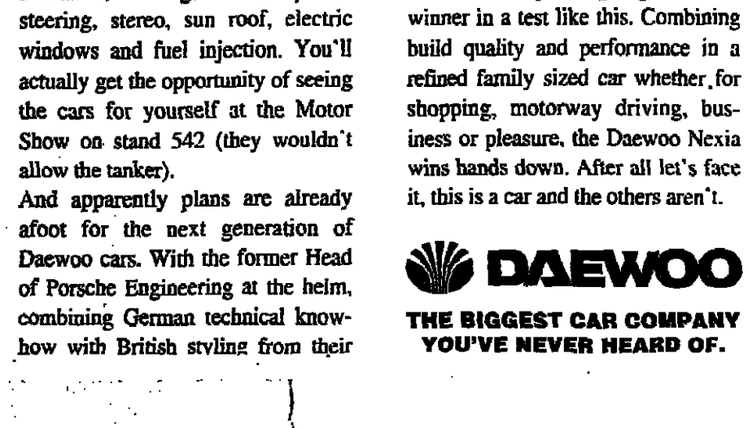
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Labour must vote to discard the old and the stale

RIDDELL ON POLITICS

Tony Blair has much more on his mind than his debut at Prime Minister's questions this afternoon. More important are the elections to the shadow Cabinet which end tomorrow. If Labour MPs want to help him create a new look party, they should vote for big changes. The present team is lacklustre. Only about a half make much impact in the Commons, or have anything original to say. Many just resort to Government bashing rather than trying to jump ahead of Tory thinking. Few ministers are put on the spot by their shadows.

Labour is suffering from the debilitating effect of being in Opposition for so long. Most ministers from the Callaghan era have dropped out, through a combination of retirement, defeat or defection to the SDP. Their place has mainly been filled by the mixed bag of MPs first elected during Labour's wilderness period from 1979 to 1987. Many MPs have risen to positions of influence largely because they have been around, and survived.

So the choice of talent at a senior level is limited. This problem has been compounded by Labour's rules, which have increasingly narrowed the leader's freedom of manoeuvre. The size of the shadow Cabinet has risen since 1979 from 12, via 15, to 18, which, with the leader and deputy leader, almost exactly matches the number of Cabinet members in the Commons. An incoming Labour Prime Minister is required to pick his first Cabinet from the previous shadow Cabinet. So he is stuck, both now and later, with the choice of Labour MPs.

Labour MPs seldom cast their votes like examiners or even Booker prize judges, though some do understand the Glasgow patois. They decide on the basis of personal friendship, old political or regional alliances and, most of all, by voting for the familiar. The forces of inertia will probably preserve most of the poor performers.

MPs also have to vote for four women candidates. This does not mean that four women will be elected. Last year, only three were since MPs spread their votes among the 15 women candidates. This time, a record number of 17 women are standing, so the same could happen again. But the betting at Westminster is that more women will be chosen: some of Margaret Beckett, Harriet Harman, Joyce Quinn or Clare Short— in addition to, or in place of, the current three.

Looking down the list of 52 who are standing, it is hard to find 18 who could provide parliamentary punch and fresh thinking among the many time-servers and affable second-raters. But improvement is possible. The current Shadow Cabinet contains obvious heavyweights such as Robin Cook, Gordon Brown, Jack Straw and Donald Dewar, and rising stars such as Chris Smith, George Robertson and Mo Mowlam.

Many of the rest could disappear, to little regret or notice. The election of Alistair Darling, Alun Michael, Joan Ruddock or Brian Wilson, plus some of the women mentioned above, would strengthen the Shadow Cabinet, providing Mr Blair with the sharper performers he needs.

In addition, Mr Blair should put some of the brighter sparks from the 1992 intake— Geoff Hoon, Stephen Byers, Malcolm Wicks, Tessa Jowell, Anne Campbell, Peter Mandelson— and even some of this year's by-election winners into prominent shadow positions. That might not be popular with many MPs. But Mr Blair cannot afford to respect familiar heirarchies.

Mr Blair's ability to reorganise the shadow Cabinet does, in the end, depend on Labour MPs' willingess to discard the old and the stale. Juding by past elections, no one should bet on it.

PETER RIDDELL



The way ahead leads either to remorseless decline as habit of reading dies, or to a brave new world

New chapter with a cliffhanger ending opens for libraries

By Ben Preston

LIBRARIES should be open "eight 'til late" seven days a week and be plugged into the global information superhighway, according to a blueprint detailing the future for one of the best-used public services.

Six "hyperlibraries" crammed full of the latest technology should be created to act as regional centres of excellence, says a study that attempts to chart a path for the 5,000 public libraries over the next 50 years.

The provisional findings of a team of private consultants and academics under the wing of the Association for Information Management (Aslib) are the first in a flurry of government-commissioned studies into a service at a crossroads.

Libraries are used by 24 million people each year but, according to the experts, the path ahead leads either to remorseless decline as the habit of reading books dies, or to a brave new world where information technology makes the library a focal point for the community.

Twelve days ago Stephen Dorrell, the National Heritage Secretary, announced a Library and Information Commission to preside over change and ensure the impact on libraries is considered in the formulation of all new legislation. It will give public, academic, school and private libraries one voice. The inch-thick draft report published by Aslib this month aims to build on success achieved within the local authority framework, rather than turning libraries over to private businesses.

SUPERHIGHWAY

Information superhighways will allow customers access to any library in the world from their local branch. People will be able to transmit and receive manuscripts, journals, photographs, graphics, videos and books over international telephone lines via any computer terminal in the workplace, home, school, museum or library. The fibre optic network would, for example, enable a customer in Swansea interested in tracing his family tree to check the birth certificates held in Canada just by pressing a button.

Aslib says library users are optimistic and enthusiastic about the service. They borrow 500 million books and tapes annually and believe the quality of service has improved during the past five years. The expansion of higher education and the growing popularity of coursework in schools is bringing a new generation into libraries. The draft report makes three provisional recommendations. The most immediate and pragmatic is that libraries must be more responsive to their customers, opening seven days a week and into the late evening.

The most ambitious is a call for massive investment — about £500 million — to connect central and branch libraries throughout England and Wales to the new information superhighways. This would allow people to trade information across the globe.

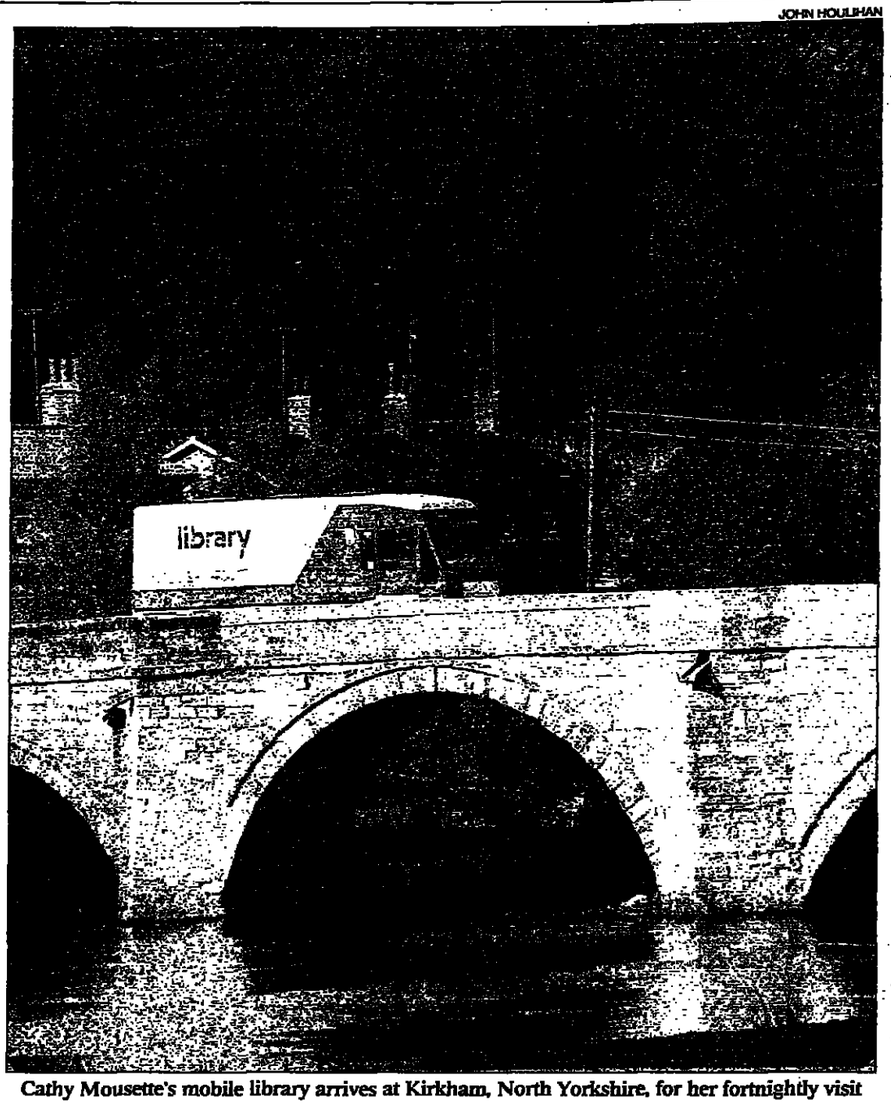
The creation of five or six "hyperlibraries" would act as a focus for libraries in their region. They might bring a new educational dimension by offering a wide range of computer courses to reskill the local workforce.

The report, however, is less clear about finance. It says that good public libraries will stimulate economic growth and attract partnerships with business, job agencies, publishers and entrepreneurs. It rejects the introduction of charges for book lending (even though 37 per cent of the public support this option) and calls instead for a national system for recovering unreturned books and unpaid fines to raise revenue.

The Government is continuing to explore ways of injecting private sector management techniques into the library service. A draft report by the consultants KPMG Peat Marwick has concluded that competitive tendering is "feasible". The final version, expected in December, will determine whether ministers push ahead in the teeth of professional opposition.

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JOHN HOULIHAN



Cathy Mousette's mobile library arrives at Kirkham, North Yorkshire, for her fortnightly visit

Books and banter on wheels for rural folk

By Kate Alderson

CATHY Mousette pulls her mobile library into a back lane in Kirkham, a tiny village in North Yorkshire, and begins to choose eight large-print romantic novels for her next reader.

"Elsie missed the library a fortnight ago because she had to take her sister to hospital," she says. "I had to leave her books in the coalshed in the backyard so I hope she is in today."

Elsie Carr, 89, is home and is delighted to see Mrs Mousette. "How lovely to see you, love. I'd run out of books and I do like my books you know."

For Mrs Carr the fortnightly visits from the mobile library are her only opportunity to borrow books and the librarian is one of her few weekly visitors. "This service is so important to me. It is a mile walk to the nearest bus-stop and I would have to take a bus miles into the nearest town."

Mrs Mousette's next stop is the village of Crambe a few miles away and she parks near the church and blows the van's horn. Minutes later a solitary figure in a white hat can be seen coming over the brow of a hill.

"That's Mildred Thompson," Mrs Mousette says. "She knows I'm here when I beep." Mrs Thompson struggles to climb into the van and after giving Mrs Mousette a bag of pears from her back garden she chooses her books.

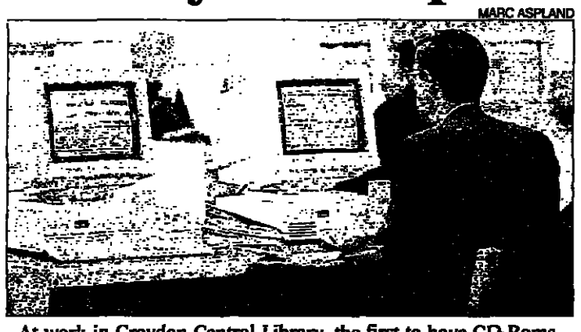
Mrs Mousette drives about 180 miles a week, supplying books and information to 250 readers. She has nine different routes taking in dozens of tiny villages. Today she will make 16 separate stops allowing readers about 15 minutes to choose the books to see them through the next fortnight. Most are elderly, infirm or disabled, or mothers with small children. Without her they would all struggle to get to a library.

Mrs Mousette, 32, from Thirsk, has been driving mobile libraries for almost five years. "For a lot of people the library is a meeting place, a place to banter, a social event," she said.

North Yorkshire County Library runs 21 mobile libraries, each costing about £21,000 a year. The council views the service as essential to its rural electorate.

Musty municipal backwater transformed by retail revolution

MARC ASPLAND



At work in Croydon Central Library, the first to have CD-Roms. More than a million people have visited since it opened last year

By Ben Preston

CROYDON Central looks more like a shopping centre than a traditional public library. The new model library for the 21st century is hidden behind an imposing Victorian facade, with a four-storey glass-roofed atrium, escalators and supermarket-style checkouts. Only the Muzak is missing.

There are computer terminals at every turn. Videos, CDs, audiotapes and 450 periodicals and magazines are available alongside the traditional printed word.

The first library with CD-Roms allows immediate access to *Hansard*, the daily report of Parliament, to the latest European Union business regulations, law reports and much more.

There are plans to connect Croydon citizens to the world on the new information superhighways. Computer courses on subjects from book-keeping to literacy, will come on-stream soon, helping people to learn new skills.

The council has invested £16 million in the library — the windfall profits from sales of derelict land. As well as new facilities, it has a new philosophy. Borrowers have become customers, with modern retailing ideas harnessed to transform a musty municipal backwater into a consumer-driven public service. Staff wear name badges and are trained to provide service with a smile.

Chris Batt, the borough libraries officer, said: "We want people to feel as if they are coming into a shop like Marks and Spencer rather than a traditional, public-funded library. We want them to adopt a different mind-set, feeling comfortable as they browse."

The ideas have worked. More than one million people have passed through the library's automatic doors in the 11 months since its dramatic face-lift, up from 600,000 the previous year. More than half of Croydon's 320,000 residents are members of a library service that costs council taxpayers 30p a week each. "You can do an awful lot for a community for relatively little money," Mr Batt said. Inquiries for information from local firms exceeded last year's figure within three months, encouraged by "business breakfasts" that spread the word about services available.

The council is considering ways of extending the library's opening hours into the evening and the weekend. Recruiting volunteers is one option.

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Dorrell preparing reply to savage attack on St Pancras 'shambles'

By Dalya Alberge

THE Heritage Secretary will this month respond to the scathing report that described the saga of the British Library's new building as a shambles.

Stephen Dorrell's Heritage Department said that although a response was usually made within two months, there had been a delay since Mr Dorrell had taken over from Peter Brooke..

The report, published in July by the House of Commons National Heritage Committee, noted that "one of the ugliest buildings in the world" had so far spiralled from an original £116 million to £450 million, is nowhere near completion and will have just 76 more seats than the present home in Bloomsbury.

The report said the building was "at best clinically utilitarian and at worst actively unattractive". Gerald Kaufman, the Labour MP and chairman of the committee, described it as being "as glamorous as a public lavatory".

The committee joined the British Library Regular Readers Group in recommending that the library remain in the famous domed Reading Room in Bloomsbury, in which Karl Marx and George Bernard Shaw worked.

History is repeating itself for, even when the Reading Room opened in 1857, the Keeper of Manuscripts noted in his diary that it was "unsuited ... to its purpose and an example of reckless extravagance".

The British Library collection today includes 18 million printed books and millions of manuscripts, and acquires 50,000 new ones a year. The much-criticised new building in St Pancras is said to be too small to house the entire collection. It is also reviewing the "legal deposit" law that entitles it to free copies of every publication. Although publishers are legally obliged to send copies, a loophole in the law means that the British Library does not have to keep them.

A more efficient way of storing collections is being sought, with the possibility of sharing with the nation's other five copyright libraries, which are also reviewing the system. A spokesman for the British Library said that it would be logical for books on Wales, for example, to go to the National Library of Wales rather than the central collection, and Gaelic volumes to go to Edinburgh.

Some five years ago the British Library began a weeding process, announcing that it would not collect every example of books and magazines printed in Britain. It cited Mills & Boon romances as an example of publications which would not be automatically included.

Subscription remains an option for some

By John Young

IN THE heart of Leeds, surrounded by busy shopping streets, stands a handsome Regency building. It is the home of the Leeds Library, the oldest proprietary subscription library in the British Isles, representing a movement that began almost a century before the first rate-supported public libraries appeared.

The Association of Independent Libraries was founded five years ago in order, in the words of Geoffrey Forster, its chairman, "to gather together lost souls — libraries passed by in an age of high-tech public and academic libraries and librarians ignored by most other people in their profession". Its flagship is the London Library, in St James's Square; the smallest of its 22 members is Tavistock Subscription Library, Devon, with just 1,500 books.

The first subscription library was founded in Edinburgh in 1725. In England, Birmingham led the way in 1757. Their purpose was to supply the needs of an increasingly educated population that thirsted for books.

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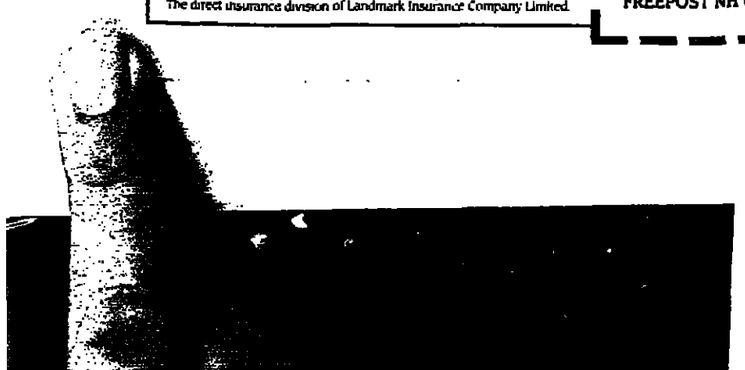
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Bomb in suitcase kills Russian crime reporter

FROM ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW

A LEADING Russian investigative journalist was killed yesterday when a suitcase he had been given exploded in the offices of his newspaper, the liberal daily *Moskovski Komsomolets*. Dmitri Kholodov died on the way to hospital. A woman employee of the paper was injured.

According to staff at the newspaper, Mr Kholodov had collected the suitcase from a Moscow railway station yesterday morning. An unknown caller had telephoned to tell him that it contained sensitive material for which he had been hunting for a long time concerning corruption in the Russian army formerly stationed in Germany. When he opened the suitcase in his office, it exploded, mortally wounding him and wrecking the paper's newsroom.

Moskovski Komsomolets is one of the most popular Russian newspapers, with a circulation of 270,000. Mr Kholodov had made a reputation writing on crime and corruption, especially in the military.

Stories of corruption in the armed forces are rife in Russia and the former Western Group of Forces, commanded by General Matvei Burlakov, has been a particular object of criticism.

The general has been accused by the newspaper *Moscow News*, among others, of arranging profitable military contracts with firms run by associates. Last month *Moscow News* printed a leaked report from the head of the army's legal department to General Pavel Grachev, the Defence Minister, listing many cases of theft and corruption, including the sale of weapons. *Moscow News* accused the armed forces of "turning into a structuralised criminal system".

A committee appointed last year by President Yeltsin to investigate the Western Group of Forces was dissolved and its report suppressed, presumably because its conclusions were too embarrassing to the High Command. General Burlakov's reputation has become so bad, however, that there was strong opposition within the military to his appointment last month as a Deputy Defence Minister in the wake of the final withdrawal of Russian troops from Germany.

The killing of Mr Kholodov is only the latest in a series of attacks intended to intimidate journalists in Russia and other former Soviet republics. In Vilnius last week organised criminals pleaded guilty to the murder last year of Vytas Lingys, a Lithuanian crime reporter, who had written on the so-called "Vilnius Brigades" activities. In Russia, as far as is known, nobody has been prosecuted in recent years for physical attacks on journalists.



Reneta Indzhova, Bulgaria's former privatisation director, was named interim Prime Minister yesterday until a December 18 election, ending a six-week political deadlock

Albanian mafias target drug routes

FROM TIM JUDAH IN BELGRADE

FROM the lawless shores of the Black Sea to the placid waters of Lake Geneva, the "Albanian connection" is rapidly establishing itself as a key new drugs-smuggling route into Western Europe.

Crime syndicates from Kosovo, the southern Serbian province with an overwhelmingly ethnic Albanian population, have already taken control of 70 per cent of the Swiss heroin market, and police sources across Europe say Albanian gangs are now second only to Turks in controlling the Balkan routes.

Albanian mafia bosses have been able to take advantage of large communities of their compatriots in Switzerland and Germany whom they exploit as couriers. Increasingly these Kosovo drug barons are using Albania as a drug route. According to the Paris drugs watchdog Observatoire Géopolitique des Drogues (ODG), they are also using Albanians from Albania by giving them false Yugoslav passports. With these they can apply for asylum in Germany or Switzerland, saying they are fleeing Serb repression in Kosovo. Before 1991, much of the heroin from the "golden crescent" countries of Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan reached Europe via Turkey and then across Bulgaria and Yugoslavia. The war cut this route and diverted it northwards. The Albanian mafias are establishing a new route across Albania and Macedonia, where there is a large ethnic Albanian population.

A senior source in the Macedonian Interior Ministry confirmed that a new route is emerging. In 1993 and the first nine months of this year, the Macedonian police arrested 189 people, mostly ethnic Albanians, on charges related to drugs trafficking. A big network was also broken up with the help of the Italian police.

The ODG believes that drug trafficking by Albanian mafias is directly related to the smuggling of arms for an uprising in Kosovo. There appears to be little supplementary evidence to support this claim, however. Genc Pollo, spokesman for President Berisha of Albania, accuses the ODG of fabrication and exaggeration. He does not deny that there is drugs trafficking across his country but says: "The problem is under control."

Finnish vote for EU raises hopes of Nordic 'yes' lobbies

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN HELSINKI AND NICHOLAS GEORGE IN STOCKHOLM

IN THE aftermath of Finland's decisive vote to join the European Union next year, attention shifted yesterday to the next Scandinavian referendum on EU membership in Sweden next month.

As they digested a 57 per cent vote for the government's "yes" campaign, ministers in the Finnish coalition government were careful not to be caught interfering in Sweden's domestic political battles. But Finland's vote vindicates the "domino" strategy agreed between the Finnish, Swedish and Norwegian leaders that the referendums should be staggered in an east-to-west sequence.

The Nordic Prime Ministers decided last summer that a pro-EU momentum would be best generated by holding the first vote among the willing Finns and hoping to end with accumulated pressure on the reluctant Norwegians, who vote at the end of next month.

In Sweden, pro-Europe campaigners welcomed the Finnish "yes" vote, but with the country's new government split on the issue a closer contest is expected. With the referendum on EU membership to be held on November 13, the "yes" and "no" sides are running neck and neck. The most recent poll gave the "no" side 40 per cent and the "yes" side 37, although recent trends have pointed to a narrow majority in favour.

Commenting on the Finnish result, Ingvar Carlsson, the Swedish Social Democratic Prime Minister, said: "It's a historic decision. We have to convince our people here with our arguments, but of course there are indirect effects. We who favour EU membership are stimulated by the very clear majority in Finland."

Even though Mr Carlsson made the country's application to join the EU in 1991, members of his Cabinet are actively campaining against membership. Many Swedes remain worried that EU membership will mean losing sovereignty and high environmental standards, and will put in danger the country's policy of neutrality, which has kept the nation at peace for more than 180 years. They also resent EU bureaucracy.

Opposition is even more entrenched in Norway, with opinion polls predicting a strong "no" vote on November 28. However, one poll at the weekend did show that if both Finland and Sweden voted "yes", Norwegians, out of fear of being isolated, would narrowly follow suit.

Gro Harlem Brundtland, the Norwegian Prime Minister, said: "Many will ask why Norway will not follow Finland and Sweden into Western European co-operation. Will we have to go to a neighbouring land to find out what is happening in Europe?"

In general, "no" campaigners in both countries are hoping the Finnish "yes" will give only a short-term impetus to the "yes" campaign in their countries.

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Radio has a Latin accent on the news

BY GEORGE BROCK

THE news that Finland's voters have decided to join the European Union will be beamed to a global but select audience this week which tunes in to the world's only regular Latin radio bulletin.

Nuntii Latini (*News in Latin*) was launched in 1989 by the international shortwave service of Finnish radio and its five-minute summary of world events every Friday and Sunday has won a passionate and faithful audience who send fan mail to its creators from addresses as far apart as Copacabana and Kuwait.

Last week's programme opened with an item on how the *Praesidens Civitatum Unitarum* — the American President — had dispatched large numbers of soldiers and warships (*multa milia militum et naves bellicas*) to the Persian Gulf (*Sinus Persicus*).

It continued with a look at whether English and French (*Anglica et Francogallica*) will survive as the EU's only daily working languages in Brussels as the *lingua Germanica* grows more powerful.

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Chancellor determined to soldier on for place in history books alongside Bismarck and Adenauer:

Kohl shrugs off perils raised by narrow majority

FROM ROGER BOYES IN BONN

HELMUT Kohl yesterday tried to banish any idea that Germany was heading for a long period of political instability because his majority had been reduced to ten seats.

"A majority is a majority," the Chancellor told a conference held to analyse Sunday's general election. "Of course, I would have preferred 50 seats, but I am an old marriage partner and nothing is strange to me any more."

The German leader was commenting after the confirmation of the election results which gave his Christian Democratic Union (CDU), in alliance with the Bavarian Christian Social Union (CSU) and the liberal Free Democrats, a total of 341 seats in the new parliament, narrowly ahead of the Social Democrats, the Greens, and the former communist Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS).

Rudolf Scharping, the Social Democrats' leader, said that the Chancellor could barely justify continuing in power. He said it was "bordering on the irresponsible to try to form a government with such a small majority when there are such difficulties, such challenges and such huge economic and ecological problems in this country". Herr Scharping said that he did not expect the government to be as stable over the next four years as it was before, but ruled out the possibility of attempting to oust Herr Kohl before the next scheduled elections in 1998.

Plainly the responsibility for toppling Herr Kohl will fall on the Free Democrats (FDP). Social Democratic strategy, analysts say, will concentrate on wooing the FDP away from the government.

Coalition talks between the Free Democrats — who won 6.9 per cent of the vote and 47 seats — and the Chancellor will begin later this week. Erwin Huber, of the CSU, has already thrown down the gauntlet to the FDP by saying there must be a tougher line on law and order in the next legislative period.

This was interpreted as a CSU bid for the Justice Ministry, a portfolio awarded to the Free Democrats in previous governments. The internal dynamics of the government have changed and this too is contributing to the general mood of uncertainty. The Bavarian party has become stronger as a result of the election, while the Free Democrats are notably weaker. That will certainly lead to almost constant tension in Herr Kohl's new government. It could also presage a different approach to European policy. The CSU inclines towards the Euro-sceptical. By contrast, Klaus Kinkel, the Foreign Minister and Free Democrats' chairman, is determined to push harder for closer European integration.

Herr Kohl emphasised yesterday that he shared Herr Kinkel's European views and was not intending to change tack. "We all need Europe — and Germans need it more than anybody."

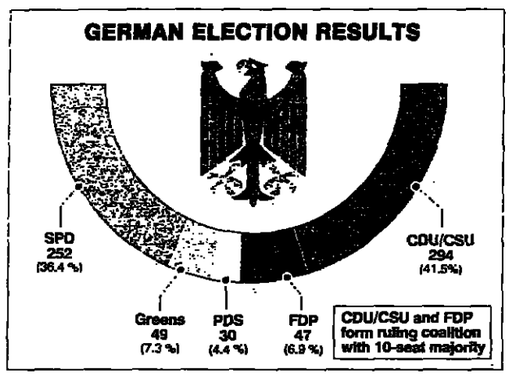
The Chancellor's cheery optimism about the chances of his government could not disguise the fact that he faces a stronger opposition in the new Bundestag, the lower house of parliament. The Greens have returned to parliament and yesterday promised to push Herr Kohl hard on every important issue. The Social Democrats gained 3.1 per cent, and are now barely 5 per cent behind the Christian Democrats. Combined with their majority in the upper house, the Bundesrat, the Social Democrats are at their strongest for more than a decade. The 30 seats gained by the PDS will also give the parliament a more left-wing hue.

The happiest man of the day appeared to be Herr Kinkel, whose party survived against all the odds. The FDP has, however, fallen out of all regional state parliaments and was described yesterday as a decapitated torso. Jürgen Koppelin, head of the FDP in Schleswig-Holstein, said that the "whole national leadership should be pensioned off".

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Helmut Kohl, watched by his wife Hannelore, being congratulated on his victory by Erwin Teufel, Prime Minister of Baden-Württemberg



Iron leader begins to look like a lame duck

BY ROGER BOYES

When Helmut Kohl starts to think about his place in history, he gets out of bed, plods to the kitchen and opens the refrigerator. Since he weighs 20st 7lb, one can deduce that he often has history on his mind.

Increasingly the German Chancellor refers in his speeches to Otto von Bismarck, the Iron Chancellor of the first united Germany, and Konrad Adenauer. On Sunday night Herr Kohl looked drained rather than jubilant — *Kanzlermüde*, one commentator said, tired of power or at least of the political circus.

Why then does he bother to soldier on? The answer is the history thing. Adenauer served for a record 14 years; Herr Kohl, if he completes his new term, will have put in a remarkable 16 years. He will have outplayed all of his domestic rivals, outstripped his fellow statesmen and women.

Herr Kohl has set himself two big projects: ensuring that the 1996 follow-up conference to Maastricht is dancing to German rhythms; and reconciling east with west Germans, smoothing the rougher edges of German unity. Herr Kohl cannot do this alone and his dearest hope is that the next French President will be called Jacques Delors, his old friend. Together they can give substance to phrases such as the "hard core" of Europe.

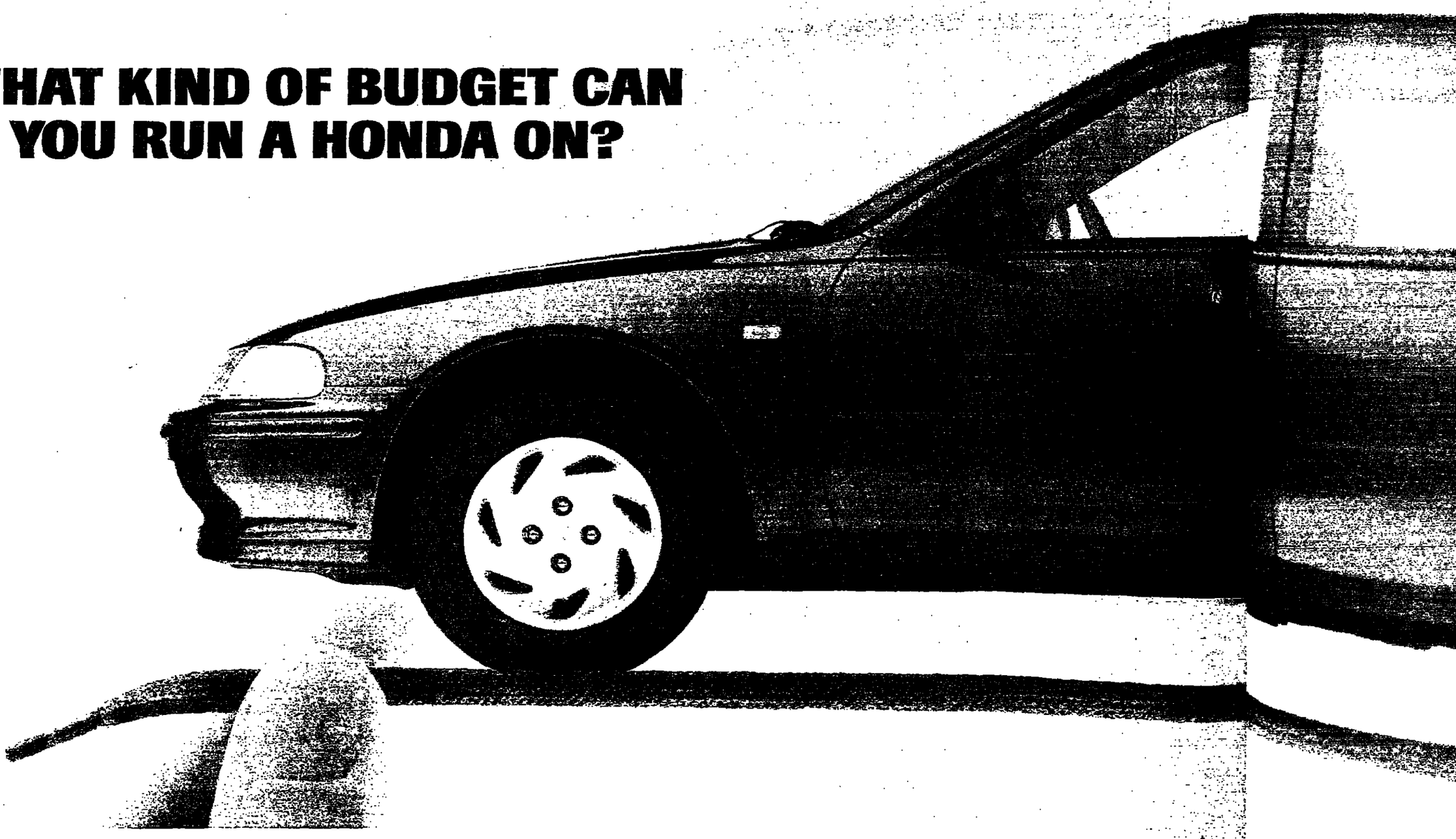
The Chancellor re-elected at the weekend, however, is not the Chancellor of 1990. First, his shrunken majority — ten seats is regarded as a very thin margin in Germany — makes him a Chancellor in chains. The government coalition may retain its old form (Christian Democrats, the Bavarian Christian Social Union and the Free Democrats), but the internal chemistry has changed. The Bavarians have come out of the election in a strong position and, since the CSU ranks as Euro-sceptics, it may dig in its heels on faster integration. The Free Democrats owe their survival to charity votes from Christian Democrats who wanted to keep Herr Kohl in power. That is profoundly irritating for many CDU members: the friction is likely to increase as the Free Democrats become more assertive.

Christian Democrat backbenchers, some of them sidelined by Herr Kohl in his 12 years as Chancellor and 21 years as often ruthless party chairman, are likely to demand more socially liberal policies in return for their support. And the power of the Social Democrats has grown. Now, voting with the Greens and the former Communists, the party can make life extremely difficult for the Chancellor. Herr Kohl, for example, is the first modern German leader with the constitutional power to send German troops abroad on combat missions. But he will need parliamentary approval and, given that there are some pacifists in the Free Democratic Party, that might prove a problem. The Chancellor will have to reinvent himself as a parliamentarian and he is at his worst in parliament: his speeches are often clumsy and ill-written. His treatment of deputies before critical votes has been at best arrogant, along the lines: You cannot make it without me, so do as I say.

Germany may thus be run by a lame-duck Chancellor. Succession is high on the agenda. By announcing that he will not seek re-election in 1998, he has announced the beginning of a search for a Crown Prince. Not an easy proposition because he has squashed all his close rivals.



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Opposition parties, including former communists, plan to cut short fourth term of the CDU chief

Bonn braced for time of logjams and horse-trading

BY ROGER BOYES

IT IS in the nature of German elections that every party declares itself to be a winner. Rudolf Scharping tugged yesterday on his famous beard — the one he refused to shave off in the chase for voters — and announced that the Social Democrats (SPD) were the clear victor in this most closely fought of general elections.

The Social Democratic leader managed to make even this triumphal claim sound boring; nevertheless, the fact is that Herr Scharping lost the election and that his own future has become rather cloudy. Yesterday the party leadership applauded his achievement — a 3.1 per cent gain over 1990's miserable result — but there are naturally some doubts as to whether the 46-year-old amateur cyclist is really the man to keep the party sharp in opposition.

The Social Democrats are in a strong strategic position. Fortified by a string of good results in regional elections, they control the upper house, the Bundesrat, and can block or delay important legislation. In the lower house, the Bundestag, they can now, with the Greens and the former Communist Party of Democratic Socialism, drive Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, close to the edge on many critical issues, such as the dispatch of German troops abroad.

The political trend for the next two years is clear enough: there will be logjams on every piece of controversial legislation, with compromises having to be worked out painstakingly in cross-party parliamentary committees.

The Chancellor, in other words, will be forced to talk more often to Herr Scharping; the period of horse-trading has begun. It will probably be an abbreviated period. The Social Democrat strategy will be to engineer the Chancellor's downfall by offering the Free Democrats a safer home in harness with the Social Democrats and the Greens.

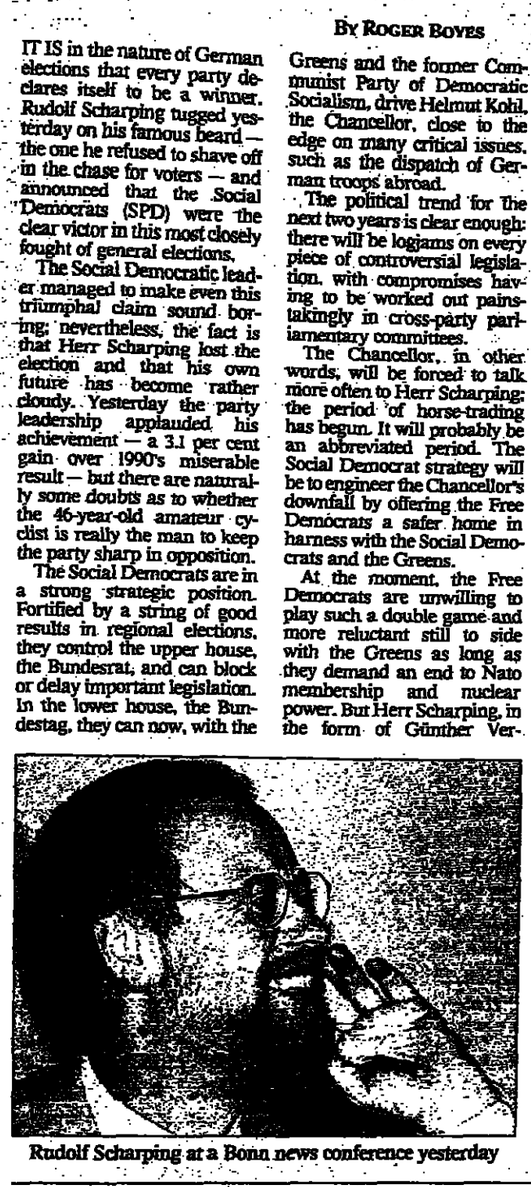
At the moment, the Free Democrats are unwilling to play such a double game and more reluctant still to side with the Greens as long as they demand an end to Nato membership and nuclear power. But Herr Scharping, in the form of Günther Verheugen, his party manager, a former Free Democrat, has a man who knows exactly how to woo the small party away from the Chancellor.

All that javelin-throwing and frantic bicycle-riding was more than an act for the cameras. Herr Scharping has stamina and can press home his advantage against a tired Chancellor. Whether he has the political skill to keep in line Gerhard Schröder and Oskar Lafontaine, his ambitious running mates, is another matter.

The time is fast approaching for a generational change in politics. The 1968 generation, those who came to political maturity during the student upheavals, are now hungry for power. The Chancellor has steamrollered his "1968ers" in the Christian Democrat Party — he distrusted their radicalism — but Herr Scharping has his team ready.

There are problems, though. The first is that Herr Scharping, despite talking loudly of social reform, is no great moderniser. He is personally cautious, retreating from critical issues such as economic deregulation, and he heads the most conservative party in Germany. Tradition matters more in the German Social Democratic movement than in the CDU: every election meeting was full of references to the 131-year history of social democracy.

The question is whether the Social Democrats can keep their nerve and hang on quietly while Herr Kohl's government unravels. For the time being, not much more is required. But Herr Scharping still has to persuade the voters that the centre-left has a future. He must give the impression of wanting power and yet not press too hard: Germans do not like, or reward, saboteurs.



Rudolf Scharping at a Bonn news conference yesterday





Dagmar Köhl, top, in 1977 when she was picked as Miss Germany. She has now been elected as an MP, above, for the conservative Bavarian Christian Social Union

Literary lion of Left has taste of triumph

FROM DAVID CHILDS IN BERLIN

If Helmut Kohl is the obvious victor in the German election, the writer Stefan Heym can perhaps claim to be the proudest man in the country.

The frail Herr Heym, a lifelong socialist and former resident of communist East Germany, deeply resented election campaign attacks on him by Herr Kohl and the Christian Democrats as a "left-wing fascist". By a stroke of irony, he will have the honour of opening the next Bundestag as its oldest member. He personifies the comeback of the former communists in the East.

In Sunday's general election, Herr Heym won the Berlin-Mitte-Prenzlauer Berg constituency for the Party of Democratic Socialism (PDS), the successor to the former ruling communists, the Socialist Unity Party (SED). He polled 40.6 per cent of the vote to 37.2 per cent for the Social Democrat (SPD) candidate.

Herr Heym, 81, a Jew from Chemnitz, returned to Germany as an American officer in 1945, having been forced to leave after the Nazi takeover in 1933. He joined the SED and became a star of the East German cultural scene until he fell out with the communists years later. He remained a socialist whose professed aim was not to abolish the East German state but rather to make it democratic. Because of his status in literary and left-wing circles in Germany and abroad, Herr Heym was something of a catch for the PDS when it was trying to shake off its communist image. He stood as a PDS-backed independent rather than as a party member.

But the PDS won support across eastern Germany, not only because of high-profile candidates such as Herr Heym but also because of continuing resentment by the east of the west, four years after reunification. In east Berlin, the PDS was able to score well because of the heavy concentration of former communist officials who still live there. But the party was also able to attract younger people as well as protest votes throughout the former East German state. Higher unemployment than in the western regions, loss of status, and a feeling that the old West is colonising the old East all conspired to help the party.

The unusual quality of PDS candidates also played a part. They included Count Heinrich von Einsiedel, a former Social Democrat and great grandson of Bismarck, and Christina Schenk, 42, who colourfully combines Green credentials, overt lesbianism and a career as a physicist. Other PDS MPs include Ruth Fuchs, the former East German Olympic champion, Rolf Kutzmutz, one-time informer for the Stasi, and Gerhard Zwerenz, writer of erotic short stories.

But the party's undoubted star was Gregor Gysi, 46, whose father left Germany as a Jewish communist and returned to become a minister and diplomat in East Germany. "We will be a colourful bunch," Herr Gysi observed with understatement yesterday. "We will be anything but a boringly unified faction."

Herr Gysi, a former SED member, worked as a lawyer defending dissidents before the collapse of Erich Honecker's state. He is both a good public speaker and a polished television chat show performer. On Sunday he won the Berlin-Hellersdorf-Marzahn constituency with 48.9 per cent of the vote. The other two PDS winners in Berlin were Christa Luft, the former East German Economics Minister, and Manfred Müller.

As a result, the PDS has 30 seats in the Bundestag, as opposed to 17 in the last parliament. Nationally, it received only 4.4 per cent of the vote, thus falling below the 5 per cent minimum required to gain seats. But because of peculiarities in the German electoral system, it is entitled to a full share of seats, having won more than three constituencies directly.

This is the first time this has happened since the founding of the federal republic in 1949. The question now is whether the PDS can build on its success by aligning itself with the Greens and trying to replace the SPD as a genuine alternative to the Christian Democrats.

The PDS is clearly aiming to become the party of the German Left by absorbing social democratic and pacifist opinion as well as communist traditions. Yet it remains a regional protest party and obviously has a long way to go before it can convince a significant number of West Germans that it, rather than the SPD, is the natural party of democratic socialism.



Gysi: "We will be a colourful bunch"

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FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK AND RICHARD BEESTON IN BAGHDAD

IRAQ disappointed the United Nations Security Council's hopes yesterday that it would announce its formal recognition of Kuwait and the new UN-demarcated border, and criticised Britain for suggesting that the oil embargo might never be lifted as long as President Saddam Hussein stayed in power.

As the Iraqi parliament met in extraordinary session, Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, told Security Council members in New York that Baghdad was ready to recognise Kuwait as it had declared in a joint comminiqué with Russia last week. But he failed to announce the formal and unconditional recognition of Kuwait and its borders that the Security Council had demanded as recently as Saturday in a resolution banning Republican Guard forces from southern Iraq.

He then harangued the council for failing to move towards lifting the oil embargo imposed after the invasion of Kuwait four years ago.

Security Council members had expected Mr Aziz to announce Iraq's recognition of Kuwait and its borders in the wake of the Russian-brokered deal, in which Moscow promised to seek an end to the UN oil embargo in six months.

Iraq did formally revoke its annexation of Kuwait in the immediate aftermath of the war in 1991, with a decision by the Revolutionary Command Council and the parliament. But now Security Council members want Iraq to recognise not just the sovereignty of Kuwait but also the new UN-demarcated border, as required by Security Council Resolution 833.

The new border, based on an 1963 agreement, awards the emirate a thin slice of territory which before the Gulf War was held by Iraq, including 11 oil wells and an old naval base.

Mr Aziz's failure to make a formal recognition of Kuwait amounted to an embarrassment for Andrei Kozyrev, the Russian Foreign Minister, who had just briefed the Security Council on the deal he negotiated last week in Baghdad. Moscow argues that the resolution spelling out the terms of the Gulf War ceasefire requires the council to lift the embargo as soon as Iraq has fully co-operated with UN weapons inspectors.

America, however, says that Iraq must also satisfy other UN demands, including the return of missing Kuwaitis and plundered Kuwaiti property, and an end to the repression of Iraq's Kurdish and Shia Muslim populations.

The Iraqi parliament had met behind closed doors earlier in special session. It was not disclosed whether members debated recognition of Kuwait. There had been little doubt among parliamentarians arriving for the session that they were expected to reverse the decision they took unanimously on the eve of the Gulf War, confirming Kuwait as Iraq's 19th province.

"They have not told us what we are here for, but I know that our first priority is to have sanctions lifted because our people are suffering," said Muhammad Mudafar al-Adhami, a university professor and parliamentary deputy. "If that means confirming the government's decision to recognise Kuwait, we will do it."

☐ **Kuwait:** Alain Juppé, the French Foreign Minister, on a visit to Kuwait, said it was up to the UN and not the United States to decide on the use of force against Iraq if it failed to comply with the demand to withdraw its troops.



Three Iraqis, convicted of plotting to kill President Bush, with their lawyer in a Kuwait court yesterday. Their appeal against execution is due next month

Troops keep watch on tent dwellers

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER ON THE KUWAIT BORDER

THE United Nations force manning the disputed Kuwait-Iraq border, including 775 armed Bangladeshi soldiers, has been placed on maximum alert to handle the growing threat to peace posed by more than 4,000 stateless Arabs who have been gathering in tents on the Iraqi side since the latest Gulf crisis erupted.

Brigadier-General Victor Baralea, Argentinian deputy commander of the 1,100-member UN observer mission, said yesterday that the protest centred on 1,000 tents pitched in a camp starting only six yards from the demilitarised zone. He said it was now "a matter of concern" because of the possibility of an attempted border encroachment.

Photographs of the camp, which is stretched alongside the main road from Umm Qasr to the Iraqi port of Basra and supposedly run by a group called the Association of Claimants, show it is rapidly acquiring permanence. An electricity grid is being installed and the Iraqi authorities are providing water, food and sewage facilities.

The stateless Arabs known as *bidoon* (the withouts) claim to have been expelled from Kuwait during the Gulf War, and a delegation which recently visited the UN mission headquarters at Umm Qasr demanded the right to return, compensation for lost property and the release of *bidoon* held in Kuwaiti prison.

UN officers believe that the protest, which Iraqis claim will soon involve 20,000 people, is being masterminded by the Baghdad regime. "I have twice tried to speak to the tent dwellers, but they have been hustled away by their minders," RAF Flight Lieutenant John Ball, serving with the observers, said.

Kuwait dismisses the claim that the protesters are civilians, claiming they are Iraqi soldiers in plain clothes. Officials also say that most *bidoon* were Iraqis who concealed their nationality to benefit from rewarding economic opportunities in the emirate.

Clinton seizes on Republican errors

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

MID-TERM ELECTIONS

WITH just three weeks until election day, the White House concedes that it will lose a large number of Democratic seats in the House and Senate, but it is increasingly hopeful of averting a disaster in which the Republicans would seize outright control of one or both houses.

Senior Democrats have taken heart from President Clinton's string of successes in Haiti, Iraq and — it now appears — in the Middle East, and from what they believe to be tactical errors by Newt Gingrich, the pugnacious Republican leader who hopes to be the next House Speaker.

The Republicans need to gain seven Senate and 40 House seats to win control of Congress, but Tony Coelho, senior adviser to the Democratic National Committee, believed the losses could be restricted to three Senate seats and 20 to 25 in the House.

"This campaign is coming together very nicely. The election is now turning," he claimed with some hyperbole. George Stephanopoulos, Mr Clinton's adviser, said that private White House polls showed that the haemorrhaging of Democratic Party support had finally been reversed.

The foreign policy successes will swing few votes in themselves, but should help to dispel the image of Mr Clinton as vacillating and incompetent. More valuable to Democrats are Mr Gingrich's perceived errors, which have given them both a villain and concrete policy positions to run against.

The first of these was the "Contract with America" which Mr Gingrich had more than 300 Republican candidates sign on the Capitol's steps last month. This committed them to fight, among other things, for tax cuts, stronger defence and a balanced budget.

In tub-thumping speeches Mr Clinton now claims that he is making the tough decisions required to rebuild America's economy while the Republicans want to take the country back to "trickle-down Reaganomics" and the "failed policies of the past".

The Democrats have likewise launched an advertising campaign showing Mr Gingrich helping Republicans sign the contract while an announcer asks: "What did they commit to? Huge tax cuts for the wealthy, billions in defence increases, a trillion dollars in promises that will explode the deficit again."

The Democrats have gained further ammunition from a leaked memorandum describing a private meeting between Mr Gingrich and lobbyists last week.



Gingrich: meeting with Washington lobbyists

Mr Gingrich said they should give the Republicans money because his party had thwarted Democratic efforts to restrict their activities, that Clinton Democrats were "the enemy of normal Americans", and that a Republican Congress would set up 20 task forces to investigate corruption in the Clinton White House. Top Democrats have seized on this. Mr Stephanopoulos said Mr Gingrich, while publicly promising to clean up Washington, "sat in his dark office and swore to special interest groups that he would block reform".

President Clinton compared Mr Gingrich's vitriol and vengefulness to that of Richard Nixon, saying the Republicans were poised to return to "the politics of the enemies list of the 1970s".

The Democrats have finally moved onto the attack, but running against Reaganism is clearly a high-risk strategy. Not many Americans are convinced that Clintonism is an improvement.

Visit to Peking ruled out

Hong Kong: Richard Needham, the British trade minister, will not make a planned visit China because the dates were "not convenient" for Peking. Despite the apparent setback Mr Needham said that prospects were bright for British trade with China, which he said have had their "ups and downs for 200 years".

Speaking to the Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce during a stopover in the colony while leading 20 British businessmen to the Philippines, Indonesia, and Singapore, Mr Needham said that "Britain is China's natural and strongest friend". But he confirmed that while he had wished to include China in his two-week tour, "we couldn't organise it".

Macedonia backs leader

Skopje: Kiro Gligorov, the Macedonian President, and his ruling party have established a clear lead in presidential and parliamentary elections marked by a low turnout and irregularities. A partial count put the 77-year-old President comfortably ahead of his challenger, theatre director Ljubisa Georgievski. European election monitors said they found serious irregularities, including the absence of eligible voters from some electoral rolls. *(Reuter)*



Singapore quizzes don

Singapore: Christopher Lingle, 46, an American academic at the state-run National University of Singapore, was interrogated for 90 minutes by police yesterday for writing a newspaper opinion piece criticising Asian governments. The senior fellow in European studies, in an article in the *International Herald Tribune*, referred to unnamed "intolerant regimes in the region". *(Reuter)*



Wellington may cut link

Wellington: The New Zealand government has taken the first step towards ending the right of appeal to the Privy Council in London by calling on John McGrath, the Solicitor-General, to evaluate possible alternatives.

It said that a decision would then be made whether to retain the availability of appeals to the Commonwealth's highest court of appeal.

Plea for attack on world poverty

BY MICHAEL BINYON
DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BOUTROS Boutros Ghali, the United Nations Secretary-General, yesterday called on the industrialised nations to take urgent steps to eliminate world poverty, which he called a "terrible, cruel and unacceptable reality" jeopardising human existence and dignity.

In a message to mark the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty yesterday, Dr Boutros Ghali said extreme poverty was a scourge affecting every country and continent, including the very heart of industrialised countries. Despite UN efforts to alleviate the consequences, poverty remained endemic in some parts of the world and was growing worse in others.

The UN estimates that one-fifth of the world's population, the majority of them women, live in absolute poverty, with income and consumption below nationally defined poverty lines. Some 1.5 billion people lack access to clean drinking water and sanitation; more than 500 million go to bed hungry each night.

He said that the World Summit for Social Development, to be held in Copenhagen in March, must insist that economic advance was impossible without social development. But more and more people were increasingly vulnerable as they were caught up in a spiral of marginalisation and exclusion.

"We must stand together and say no — no to poverty, no to misery, no to all situations which undermine the dignity and integrity of the human person."

A three-day UN seminar on extreme poverty and the denial of human rights last week concluded that poor people should be involved in strategies to help them, but this was difficult because poverty was itself an obstacle to participation. It said extreme poverty should remain a UN priority, especially in the field of human rights and special attention should be given to strengthening the family.

Stradivarius makes music for lawyers

BY BEN MACINTYRE

TERESA Salvato is strictly an amateur violinist, but when she played her battered old fiddle the sounds that wafted from beneath her bow were "heavenly".

That, say musical experts, is because she was playing a Stradivarius, the famed "Duke of Alcantara", which disappeared 27 years ago and is now the subject of an intense legal battle.

The 1732 violin originally belonged to a Spanish nobleman and is valued at about $800,000 (£500,000), according to a report in yesterday's *Wall Street Journal*.

Eventually it was given to the University of California at Los Angeles, but in August 1967 it vanished after being lent to David Margetts, second violinist in a university string quartet, who believes he may have left the Stradivarius on the roof of his car while driving home from a shopping trip. Either that, he says, or it was stolen from his car.

Mr Margetts's frantic efforts to find the missing violin proved fruitless, and for more than a quarter of a century the violin has been missing, presumed lost.

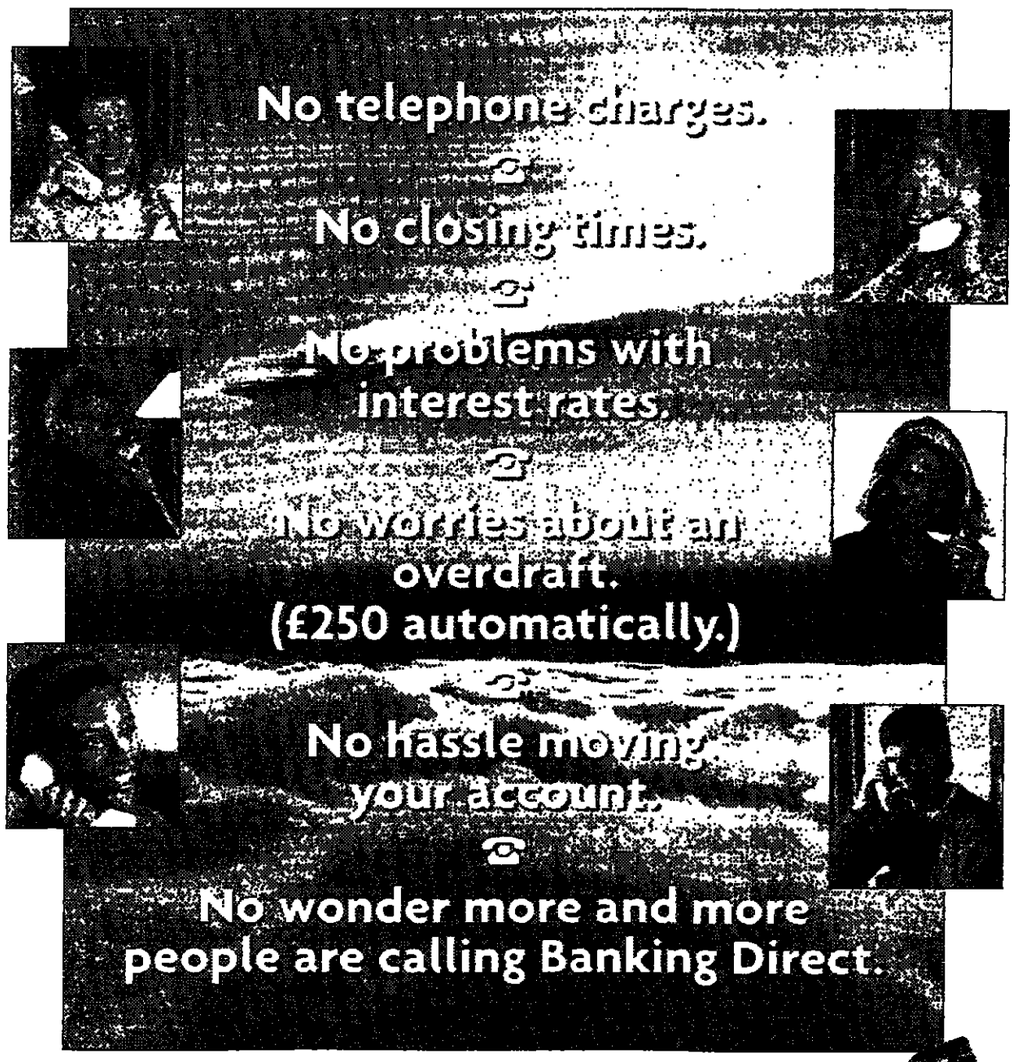
Last January, Ms Salvato picked up the violin she had obtained as part of a divorce settlement, but when she took it to be repaired, a sharp-eyed dealer realised he was holding the missing Duke of Alcantara.

The university promptly demanded the return of the precious violin. Ms Salvato, perhaps understandably, refused, and for ten months a discordant argument has echoed through the Californian courts. Ms Salvato finally checked into a hotel and hid the Alcantara after police threatened to arrest her and the university sued to regain possession.

Ms Salvato says her former husband inherited the violin from his aunt who had kept the instrument in a cupboard until her death.

The Duke of Alcantara is now in legal limbo. The university claims that if the violin was stolen, then Ms Salvato has no legal title. Ms Salvato, however, accuses the university of carelessness.

Last week the two sides came to a truce when Ms Salvato offered to place the violin in a museum while the courts ponder its ownership. Until they decide, the only music being made by the Duke of Alcantara will be the sound of Los Angeles lawyers rubbing their hands together.



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Jordan and Israel settle border and water claims

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN JERUSALEM

ISRAEL and Jordan initialled the draft of a peace treaty yesterday in a step that paves the way for a full accord after more than four decades of formal hostility between the two countries.

The move, achieved with surprising speed, was widely welcomed in Israel and lauded by President Clinton. But it raised concern among Palestinians that Israel and Jordan will co-operate to frustrate hopes for an independent state of Palestine.

"I have no doubt that this day is a historic road sign in the relations of the two peoples," Yitzhak Rabin, the Israeli Prime Minister, said at the Hashimiyeh Palace in Amman, where he and Abdel-Salam Majali, the Jordanian Prime Minister, signed the draft. "Hopefully it is a fresh beginning and a fresh start," said King Husain of Jordan, who led the overnight talks with Mr Rabin and other Israeli leaders. The talks resolved differences over water sharing and border delineation, the two issues that had divided them.

Mr Rabin said that he hoped the treaty would be signed at the end of next week, and Israeli television said that the ceremony would take place on October 27.

The two countries agreed to launch new projects on the Yarmouk river to increase the flow of scarce waters to Jordan, and have asked the World Bank to finance additional water projects, the official added. David Kimche, the former director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, said he hoped the draft treaty would add to pressure on Syria to sign a peace accord with Israel. "I hope this will give a clear message to the Syrians that they are isolated, that no more time should be lost, and that they should finish their business with us."

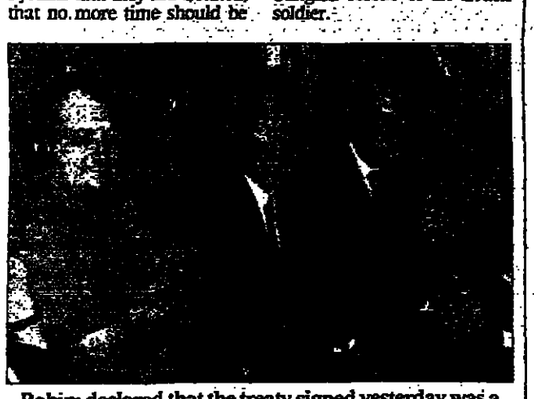
In Washington, President Clinton congratulated the King and Mr Rabin on the draft treaty. "These two visionary leaders today resolved that their nations would henceforth live in peace and as good neighbours," he said. "This was an extraordinary achievement that must be welcomed by the friends of peace all around the world."

Palestine Liberation Organisation leaders said they hoped the Israeli-Jordanian draft treaty would not compromise Palestinian efforts to establish an independent state in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. PLO suspicions were heightened in August when a joint Israeli-Jordanian declaration recognised Jordan's "historic role" in relation to Jerusalem's Muslim holy sites, which Palestinians saw as a threat to their claims.

"Unfortunately, Palestinian-Jordanian relations are under strain and we hope Jordan was careful not to make any error [in the agreement] in regard to Palestinian rights," said Faisal Husseini, a minister in the Palestinian self-rule authority.

Jibril Rajoub, the Palestinian security chief in the West Bank, added: "I hope the Jordanians will clearly understand the message that we are responsible for the area that includes the holy places in Jerusalem."

In the Gaza Strip, supporters of Hamas, the Islamic Resistance Movement, demonstrated and threw stones yesterday at Palestinian and Israeli security forces. PLO forces released from prison about 50 of the hundreds of Hamas activists arrested last week after the abduction and bungled rescue of an Israeli soldier.



Rabin: declared that the treaty signed yesterday was a "historic road sign in the relations of the two peoples"



A woman screaming after two people were stabbed to death in the Cité Soleil slums of Port-au-Prince, where United States soldiers are still carrying out security patrols after the return to Haiti of President Aristide

Alerts over Aristide security bring crowds into streets

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN PORT-AU-PRINCE

GRENADES and launching devices were seized from the car of Haiti's army commander when he visited President Aristide in the National Palace.

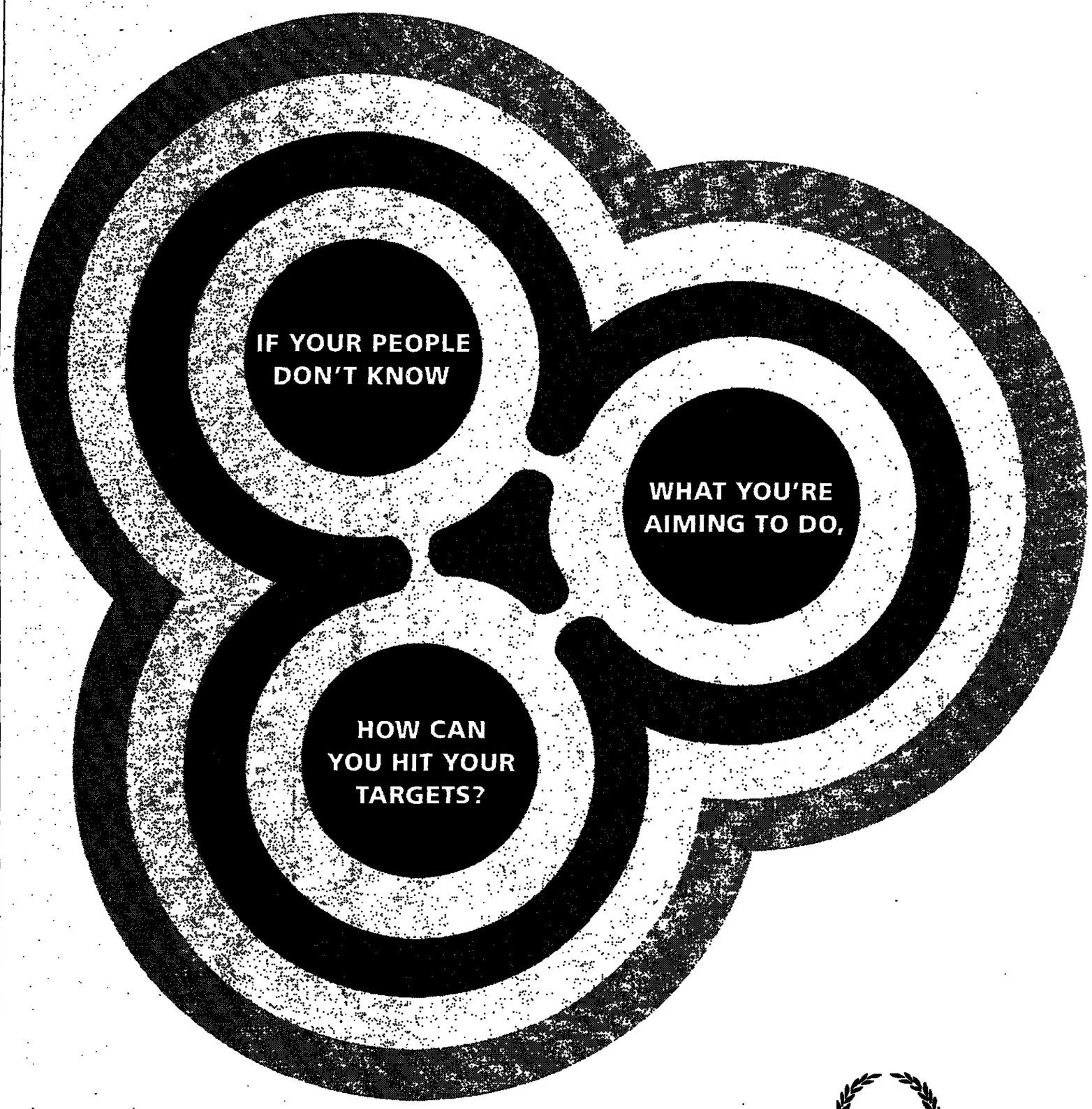
Thousands of angry Haitians, fearing that an attempt had been made on Mr Aristide's life, took to the streets brandishing sticks and machetes, searching cars at impromptu roadblocks and calling on Mr Aristide to dismantle the military and police. Sunday's incident and subsequent unrest clouded Mr Aristide's return to Haiti after three years in exile and his calls for reconciliation in a speech at a joyous welcoming celebration at the palace.

The US Embassy confirmed that weapons had been seized but did not know what type. Major-General Jean-Claude Duperval was permitted to leave after the appointment, and his weapons were returned after he left the palace.

The incident came as Haitians caught their first close-up glimpse of Jean-Bertrand Aristide, but not exactly as the commanders of the US army had planned it. As his bullet-proof limousine tried to leave the National Palace, after a short anniversary ceremony to honour the death of the hero of Haitian independence, Jean-Jacques Dessalines, the car was mobbed by a pro-Aristide crowd. Stuck only 20ft outside the gates, in the armoured car lent by William Swing, the US Ambassador, US soldiers and Secret Service agents shielded the windows from the crowd, and the car reversed back through the gates.

Mr Aristide sat in the back of the car smiling, as panicky security agents tried to work out how to get him the short distance through the crowd to the National Heroes Mausoleum next door, to visit the tomb of Dessalines.

Eventually the caravan of cars found a way out of the palace through the back gates as the cheering crowd started to run round the palace to catch another sight of the President. In a brief speech behind a bulletproof shield on the palace steps, he again called for reconciliation in Haiti.



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The corruption of France: **John Laughland** concludes his two-part series



Marshal Pétain, leader of the despised Vichy government: and the young François Mitterrand, the ambitious Vichy official to whom Pétain gave his highest award

Mitterrand's murky war

As France reels from a series of political corruption cases, the President's personal history — in particular his wartime record — has come under intense scrutiny: how much of his story can be believed?

François Mitterrand has always been on the Left. He has repeatedly said so. Before the war, he says, he went to demonstrations with the left-wing Popular Front: "Franco and his gang always horrified me". For a Socialist President, his credentials are impeccable.

It is strange, then, that none of his contemporaries remembers his presence on the demonstrations. And that during the war he worked for over a year as an official in the collaborationist Vichy government, and was rewarded for his services by the highest personal honour awarded by Marshal Pétain. And that he also worked on a review, *L'Echo de Paris*, which was broadly favourable to Franco and hostile to the Left.

In fact a left-wing bias would hardly have suited either his bourgeois background nor the environment in which he found himself in Paris. The Popular Front's rise to power before the Germans invaded was a trauma for the bourgeoisie. One of the priests at the hostel at which the young François lodged recalls that "Our students were very conservative, and very hostile to the Popular Front. If some of them hoped for the victory of the Left, they were very few in number, and François Mitterrand was not among them."

As to M Mitterrand's war record, his memoirs describe how he was captured by the German army in June 1940 and taken to Germany, where he was kept in Stalag IX A, near Kassel. He made three escape attempts, each more extraordinary than the last. The first time he walked for 22 nights and days and 600 kilometres, only to be stopped near the Swiss border, having made the fatal mistake of walking into a village before nightfall. The second involved a climb over a four-metre-high spotlit fence. He got out of the camp, but stayed at a hotel, where he was denounced by the receptionist. Recaptured, he was sent to a transit camp in Metz. Under the noses of German soldiers he disappeared, smuggled himself on board a train, jumped off, was hidden by two old ladies in a *tabac*, and was then taken by car to friends of his sister, Hélène. Then he writes this: 'When I returned to France, I joined the Resistance.'

He omits to mention that from May 1942 until late 1943 he worked in the Vichy government, as an official in the Commissariat General for Prisoners of War. Moreover, he moved in the highest circles and had good contacts in the entourage of Pétain himself.

> He moved in the highest circles of the Vichy regime

Like other politicians who traded on their wartime record to pursue prominent political careers under de Gaulle afterwards, M Mitterrand has said that he was an infiltrator for the Resistance. But few infiltrators also published an article in *France, Revue de l'État Nouveau*, the main anti-Semitic magazine of the Vichy government.

The magazine was founded in 1942 by Gabriel Jeantet, a senior adviser in Pétain's *cabinet*, and later its *directeur*. In December 1942, M Mitterrand contributed his article, entitled "Pilgrimage to Thuringia". It is an account of his journey to Germany as a prisoner of war. In it, he describes the beauty of the countryside and the historic grandeur of the towns through which he passes:

> Our convoy seemed symbolic to me. In its tragic reality, it marked the consequences of our progressive abandonment of reality. France, by nourishing Europe with her fraternal ambitions, by imposing her warlike ardour, by spreading her blood beyond her frontiers — and for impossible frontiers — had exhausted herself, and I thought that we, the inheritors of these 150 years of errors, were responsible.

The reference to "150 years of errors" is an anti-revolutionary remark usually only found on the extreme right. The Pétainist regime had little time for the ideals of the Revolution, and the heavy emphasis laid on a sense of guilt was a constant preoccupation. (One of Pétain's most famous slogans was "*Francais*, remember, your sins".) His themes — the cult of the nation, glorification of the family, community spirit, regionalism, the return to the earth — all responded to the emotional needs of a traumatised country.

Many contemporaries of M Mitterrand testify to his apparent sympathy for Pétain at the time. One described the future President as "completely right-wing". "Monarchist", says another.

However, the strangest aspect of M Mitterrand's career in Vichy is that in late 1943 he was decorated with the Francisque Gallique, a medal bestowed by Pétain as a mark of personal favour for services rendered to him and to France. Recipients had to have satisfied two conditions: "Before the war, to have accomplished national and social deeds which are in conformity with the National Revolution", and "Since the war to have a strong attachment to the work and personality of Pétain". M Mitterrand's award, listed in the official journal of the Francisque, was number 2202.

He and his defenders have given various explanations: either that the medal was the ideal cover for Resistance agents like himself secretly working against Vichy; or that it was awarded to all members of the Commissariat General, and that it would have been impolite to refuse it; or that he never asked for the medal; or that many other members of the Resistance also received it. Some say that it was not awarded for his activities in the Commissariat General but that it was simply for having been a prisoner of war.

Some of these explanations are overblown. One journalist has even said that wearing the Francisque was practically proof that one was in the Resistance, and M Mitterrand has himself used this tactic. But very few great members of the Resistance figure on the list of holders of the Francisque. Moreover, those members of the Resistance who did receive the medal were decorated before January 1943. M Mitterrand by contrast, obtained it well after that, towards the end of the year, and long after the southern zone of France had been occupied by the Germans.

M Mitterrand says that he never received the award because by December 1943, when he says he got it, he was already in London. But there are unconfirmed rumours that a photograph exists of M Mitterrand at the award ceremony. And a former supporter of Vichy, Henri Guitton, used to claim in private that he had received the medal at the same ceremony as M Mitterrand. Unfortunately, Guitton died in the summer of 1993.

The issue has haunted Mitterrand throughout his political life. The first occasion was in April 1945, when the Communist Pierre Verrier attacked him in the National Assembly. M Mitterrand at first just denied everything ("All that is false"). He then added that de Gaulle accepted him into the Resistance without qualms, and that this proved that he cannot have been a collaborator.

De Gaulle himself never exploited M Mitterrand's Vichyite past for political reasons, not even during the presidential election campaign of 1965 when M Mitterrand forced him into a second round.

But de Gaulle's followers did not have the same scruples. In 1972, deputies of the Gaullist movement, the UDR, published a communiqué in which they reproached M Mitterrand for "having been associated during the Nazi occupation with the actions of the Vichy government . . ."

Other old alliances also continue to haunt M Mitterrand — for example his friendship with René Bousquet, the former Vichy police chief, and the man primarily responsible for the deportation of thousands of French Jews to Germany. Bousquet was shot dead in his apartment by an apparently mad assassin in June 1993, two days before he was due to go on trial for crimes against humanity.

What the French press failed to mention was that Bousquet was an old political ally of François Mitterrand. The two used to see each other until at least the early 1980s. When Bousquet was received at the Elysée in 1981, M Mitterrand declared to a surprised official: "Don't worry. He's an old friend: he's done a lot for me."

The circumstances of Bousquet's death were met with hardly any comment or investigation by the French media. Bousquet's case had taken years to come to court; yet he was killed immediately before he was due to stand trial. The claim that the assassin just rang Bousquet's doorbell and walked into his apartment with a gun in his bag was never questioned.

Professional photographers testified that a contemporary photograph of Bousquet was worth Ffr 100,000. If it was so difficult to shoot him with a telephoto lens, it is strange that he could so easily be shot with a Remington 38.

● The Death of Politics *by John Laughland will be published by Michael Joseph on October 27 at £18.99.*

Self-pity as a form of protection

A privacy law may be necessary to hide the grim reality of royal life



MARGOT NORMAN

What would you do if your son's letters from boarding-school were as wrenchingly dismal as the ones Prince Charles sent home from Gordonstoun? Would you do as the Duke of Edinburgh did, and simply send bracing replies as though a period of penance in "absolute hell" were merely a useful opportunity for character-building? Or would you take the advice of John Towey of the Independent Schools Information Service and "be up at that school just as quickly as you can"?

Perhaps ISIS would not have given that advice 30 years ago. "Things have changed" has been the organisation's constant refrain in recent years while trying to counter the steady decline in popularity of boarding-schools. Just last weekend, while the country was consuming its latest ration of royal revelations, representatives of 350 ISIS member schools were parading their wares to prospective purchasers at Olympia and insisting that nowadays nobody, but nobody, could ever have such a rotten time at one of their establishments.

Meanwhile at Charterhouse, where my stepson went, they were mounting a sophisticated marketing exercise in the form of a thoughtfully revamped old boys' reunion which this time included wives and children too, for whom jam sandwiches and much jollity were provided. He took his Italian wife, who as the day went on found herself shedding all her prejudices about the British habit of treating their children worse than their dogs.

On the contrary, she marvelled at the facilities on display and decided that this was indeed a privileged education with no trace, so far as she could see, of the traditional sado-masochism.

To Mr Towey, the Princes's letters home read like "a sad historical account" of school-days as different and as distant as those of Tom Brown. He was, as a fellow new boy later said, picked on "maliciously, cruelly and without respite".

Two years into his sentence the hell was still absolute, he was still being beaten about the head all night with slippers, pillows and fists, still being laid into on the rugger pitch by boys who liked to boast of punching the future king of England, still being ragged about his ears and still finding that anyone who spoke to him was warned off such sucking up by a chorus of slurping noises from the others. "The people in my dormitory are foul. Goodness they are horrid. I don't know how anyone could be so foul."

I see no evidence to suggest that boys are not still foul, and girls even fouler. Thirty years don't count in evolutionary terms. It may just be, as the builders of Bath fondly supposed, that more civilised surroundings breed more civilised behaviour, but I doubt it. Mr Towey reels off the changes — more comforts, more exeats, telephones and faxes to keep in touch with home, sympathetic personal tutors, the Children Act . . . hang on a minute, the Children Act? Oh yes, I see. Social Services inspections. One somehow cannot imagine the heir to the throne, or any child with his wits about him for that matter, pouring out his troubles to a visiting social worker.

No, I don't think the Children Act would have saved him, though just *think* what embarrassment it could have caused Buckingham Palace. Imagine the tabloid headlines: "Queen keeps son in torture school."

On reflection, it is hard to think how the Duke of Edinburgh could have devised a better preparation for his son's unique and unenviable future, outside Wormwood Scrubs. The poor fellow was doomed to be persecuted by grown-up versions of the Gordonstoun bullies for the rest of his days, massed armies of them with long lenses and deadly notebooks instead of slippers and pillows, churning out an unending stream of mischievous misrepresentation and countless columns of what the prince justly describes as "self-righteous, pontificating, censorious clap trap". (Yes I know, this is me and my colleagues I'm talking about: *nostra culpa*.)

The Duke may have thought his son might as well start growing the extra skins he'd need from an early age, and if he couldn't grow enough of them then even a layer of self-pity might be some protection.

The Princess of Wales has often said that asking someone to marry into the House of Windsor was to demand of them impossible sacrifices. The clear implication is that to be born in to it is pretty unbearable too. I mean, what's the point of being Queen if you can't even persuade a newspaper editor to reschedule publication of your son's excruciating memoirs for perfectly sound reasons of state? The reasons for refusing the royal request seem to be that a week's delay in publication would clash with the next royal publishing sensation.

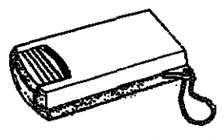
It will clearly be impossible to preserve the monarchy if the monarch's job appears so grim that nobody is prepared to do it. A privacy law designed exclusively to protect the monarchy may after all be the answer — so long as it works both ways. We need protecting from their revelations as much as they need protecting from ours.

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Hysterectomy is popular with the well-to-do. But less invasive surgery is proving to have more advantages, **Dr Thomas Stuttaford** reports

A solution for the working woman

A PATIENT from a deprived background is not only more likely to have medical problems but is less likely to do well with treatment. One exception is hysterectomy. A woman's chance, it is said, of losing her womb, is proportional to the size of the car on the gravel outside her house; not for nothing is a hysterectomy known as a gin-and-Jaguar-belt operation.

With increasing prosperity, the hysterectomy rate has increased. One British woman in five now has one, and in Scotland the rate doubled between 1961 and 1984. This increase in hysterectomies is mainly, according to a recent *BMJ* report, the result of greater reliance on surgery to correct heavy unexplained menstrual bleeding, known as dysfunctional uterine bleeding, in women between the ages of 35 and 44.

The death rate during hysterectomy is fortunately very low but there is a significant complication rate at the time of surgery, during convalescence and if hormone replacement therapy is not considered for many years afterwards. Over the past few years more conservative surgery has been introduced to treat dysfunctional uterine bleeding, in which by definition the uterus is not enlarged and has a normal lining. It has been supposed that these newer procedures — transcervical resection or laser ablation, in which the lining of the uterus is either stripped out surgically or destroyed with a laser — are less likely to cause complications, that the recovery is faster and that return to work is earlier.



A recent trial under the auspices of Aberdeen Royal Infirmary is published in the *BMJ*. It suggests that the type of conservative surgery chosen is immaterial, although a larger investigation into this is continuing. The Aberdeen review confirms that there is an appreciable difference in the complication rate between conservative surgery, whether ablation or resection, compared with that which follows a hysterectomy. Major complications during surgery were over twice as common in those having traditional hysterectomy, and the patients were on average in hospital three times longer. Laser ablation or resection is now being done on a day-care basis.

Those having minimally invasive surgery were only a quarter as likely to need strong analgesics post-operatively, and their post-operative discomfort lasted half as long; on average those women who had the newer techniques were back to normal, and able to return to work, in weeks rather than months. After four weeks 80 per cent of the women who had had the conservative treatment were working, whereas only 15 per cent of those who had had a hysterectomy had recovered. But one in four who had minimal surgery either needed to have it repeated or needed a hysterectomy.

Dr Sheena Pinion, formerly the gynaecological research fellow at Aberdeen University, says: "These conservative techniques are very useful in treating women with dysfunctional uterine bleeding who are working and who haven't responded to drug therapy. There are other women who can afford time off work and a longer convalescence who will opt for a hysterectomy because they want to be totally rid of their periods.

"Unfortunately there is no way of predicting before uterine ablation, or resection, how soon a woman will benefit in terms of lighter bleeding, or even who is going to be among the fortunate 78 per cent who are free of their symptoms and need no further operative intervention."

Are X-rays really needed?

There are risks as well as benefits from X-ray diagnosis, argues **Dr Kieran Sweeney**



X-rays will eventually cede to magnetic resonance imaging scans, which are quicker, safer and more accurate

If you attended your GP with a back problem and were advised to have an X-ray of the lower back, you would probably think it a good idea. But if your GP advises you that when you had your back X-ray you would receive the same amount of X-ray exposure as if you had had 108 chest X-rays, would you be quite so willing to go? Where there is a concerted effort coming from radiologists to advise general practitioners on more efficient use of X-ray services, there is little effort given to the education of the public in the value and hazards of routine X-rays in general practice.

When our local radiologist is introduced to the new batch of junior house doctors each year, he brings to his talk on X-rays a series of bundles of X-ray cards. The first bundle contains one X-ray card, and he asks the junior doctors to accept that this indicates one chest X-ray. The second pile contains 61 cards. This, he says, is the amount of equivalent X-ray exposure a patient has if you ask for an X-ray of the pelvis. The third bundle contains 385 cards. This is the equivalent amount of X-ray exposure that a patient receives when he or she has a barium enema. By taking the single unit of X-ray exposure as being that of one chest X-ray, he is able to point out to the doctors the equivalent amount of X-ray exposure patients receive when having routine X-rays or CT scans.

But does this matter? Is this amount of radiation in routine X-rays harmful? We are all exposed to radiation daily in the atmosphere — in fact, one chest X-ray is only equivalent to three days' naturally accumulated radiation. Of course, excessive exposure to X-rays can lead to tissue damage and indeed death, but the risks, as far as routine X-rays are concerned, remain theoretical as the exposures are kept to a minimum. Although it is almost impossible to assess the risk of damage to any one person having an X-ray, the National Radiological Protection Board, which issues guidelines to doctors on radiation exposure, can calculate approximately how much damage is produced in a population of patients exposed to routine X-ray procedures. While one chest X-ray probably carries a one-in-a-million risk of causing harm, the NRPB has assessed that about 250 fatal cancers are caused each year by ionising radiation from routine, possibly unnecessary, examinations. And if radiologists guidelines were adhered to, they say, the number of unecessary examinations could be halved.

Perhaps what is more important is whether the X-rays are useful in helping to manage a patient's condition. Here the ground becomes much less certain, especially where back X-rays are concerned. Radiologists know very well that an X-ray of the lower back might not tie in with a patient's symptoms, or help the result of the back pain. Many doctors order these X-rays as patients are sometimes concerned that back pain is related to bone cancer. But the chance of finding such unusual features on an X-ray are about 1 in 2,500. What doctors have to consider is not principally whether the doctor is going to damage the patient, but whether the X-ray is going to help the condition.

However, some patients do remain apprehensive about X-ray exposure and this has been one of the blocks to the full uptake of mammograms in the national breast screening programme. Some women are apprehensive about the radiation that they would receive, but it is in fact probably more dangerous to get to the X-ray department, crossing a busy road than it is to receive the radiation exposure in a single mammogram. As always in healthcare, risks have to be attached to benefits: in this incidence the benefits far outweigh the minimal risk.

But what of other professions? Increasingly, patients with back problems are going to chiropractors or osteopaths. Does their use of X-rays unnecessarily expose patients to problems? As far as X-rays are concerned, osteopaths and chiropractors are probably better educated than senior medical students or junior doctors about the value and risks of taking X-rays. Osteopaths in particular do not use X-rays nowadays quite as frequently as they used to. They rely increasingly on physical diagnosis through clinical examination and palpitation.

> Fatal cancers can be caused by ionising radiation

Fiona Walsh, vice-chairman of the General Council of Osteopaths, says that one problem for osteopaths nowadays is obtaining X-rays taken on the National Health Service, which they would want to interpret. NHS Trust hospitals are beginning to charge for copies of X-rays, or actually declining to release them.

The British Chiropractic Association is equally meticulous about instructing its members in the safe use of X-rays. Chiropractitioners must have attended a course which studies in detail the content of the Ionising Radiation Act of 1988. Not only does each chiropractor have to be aware of the hazards in X-rays, but the British Chiropractic Association employs a medical physicist to check equipment that each member of the Association uses, every three years.

The truth is that X-rays remain a fairly blunt instrument as far as accurate diagnosis is concerned. In the years to come they are likely to be replaced by new-generation magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machines. Patients are already benefiting from MRI scans for problems such as slipped discs and cartilage problems at the knee.

Dr Callum McClean, treasurer of the Magnetic Resonance Radiologists Association, predicts that refinements in the technology of MRI scanning will mean that such scans will be done more quickly and that portable machines, which can be used in casualty departments, may be developed in the not too distant future. MRI scans are much safer than X-rays and are much more accurate in being able to differentiating between different types of tissue — nerve tissue of bone marrow, for example.

Some centres in America are now doing extensive MRI screening in less than two and a half minutes. As the technology becomes more available the price of such machines is likely to fall.

How a scratch becomes an ulcer

Dr Trisha Greenhalgh reports on how a minor knock can turn into an expensive problem for the NHS

Stan was 42. A travelling salesman, he always carried an over-sized briefcase full of shoe polish or dusters. He had some small varicose veins and a patch of eczema on his lower leg. One day, the corner of his briefcase knocked against the leg and produced a superficial, flaky wound. At first Stan ignored it, then he tried a variety of creams and, finally, strapped it up with sticking plaster. By the time he consulted me, Stan's "scratch" had developed into a full-blown leg ulcer which stayed with him, off and on, for the next six years.

The popular image of a leg ulcer sufferer is a housebound old lady receiving regular visits from a district nurse. But in a recent review commissioned by the Department of Health, Nicky Cullum, a research nurse from the University of Liverpool, found that one in five patients develops their first ulcer before the age of 40. In many, earning capacity, leisure activities and self-esteem are severely compromised. But at least 60 per cent of all patients are mobile and could attend clinics.

Dr Cullum found that the majority of ulcers heal rapidly when treated appropriately, but most patients become caught in a continual cycle of ulceration-healing-reulceration. Stan's underlying problem was his varicose veins: valve damage in the deep calf veins had led to pooling of fluid in his foot and ankle.

Although the overlying skin often looks healthy in such circumstances (it is usually warm, fleshy and well-supplied with blood vessels), the blood is slow-moving and of poor quality, with high levels of accumulated metabolic waste and little oxygen.

Most venous leg ulcers begin, as Stan's did, with minor trauma to such an area of poorly nourished skin. Eczema, itching or skin discolouration can precede the ulcer by several years.

New research by Professor Mark Ferguson and colleagues at the School of Biological Sciences, University of Manchester, has shown that it is not just slow-moving blood that prevents a venous ulcer healing.

Microscopically, the base of the ulcer, like that of other chronic wounds, contains a network of tiny blood vessels (capillaries). Normally, capillaries are thin-walled, flexible structures, but the capillaries in a chronic venous ulcer are encased in a thick, stringy material known as an extracellular matrix cuff, which prevents spontaneous diffusion of molecules and cells into and out of the bloodstream, and also prevents the capillary itself from branching out and growing.

One component of this matrix cuff, fibronectin, is known as scaffolding protein because in ordinary wounds it forms a criss-cross structure across which other skin-forming cells will crawl. Without a basic matrix of fibronectin, new epithelium (skin) cannot develop. In a chronic venous ulcer, the fibronectin is there, but instead of being synthesised across the base of the ulcer, it builds up in a strait-jacket around the capillaries. It is thought that white blood cells accumulating in the stagnant capillary network release unwanted chemical signals (cytokines) which result in the construction of this tangled scaffolding just where it is least needed.

> "The popular image of a leg ulcer sufferer as an old lady is misleading"



Ulcers can start with a knock against the leg

Stan's ulcer problem disappeared when he finally agreed to have surgery to his varicose veins. In some patients, surgery is either impossible or inappropriate (depending on the patient's general health and the exact nature of the damage to the veins), and in any case it must be deferred until the ulcer has healed.

The standard medical treatment for venous leg ulcers is graduated compression bandaging — a tight, multi-layered bandage applied from the toes to the thigh, which works by compressing the slack leg veins and making it physically impossible for blood constituents to seep out into the tissues.

In biopsy studies, Professor Ferguson's team has demonstrated that the matrix cuffs around capillaries at the ulcer base have virtually disappeared after only two weeks' treatment with a compression bandage, and that non-healing of venous ulcers is invariably associated with persistence of the matrix cuffs.

Applying compression bandages properly is a skilled and labour-intensive procedure which accounts for up to a fifth of every district nurse's caseload and about 50 per cent of her time, at an estimated cost of between £1,000 and £5,200 per patient per year. In patients whose ulcers have healed, compression hosiery (tight elastic stockings) would often prevent recurrence, but these garments are notoriously uncomfortable, unglamorous and difficult to apply.

Up to 40 per cent of leg ulcers are not due entirely to problems with the veins. Poor circulation in the arteries of the leg, particularly in smokers, produces a different type of ulcer — a dry, cold, punched-out lesion, often on the foot rather than the ankle. Compression bandaging is of no benefit in such circumstances and may lead to gangrene. Diabetes, rheumatoid arthritis and kidney disease can produce ulcers which resemble the venous type, and any ulcer may be complicated by bacterial infection, allergy to dressings or creams, and even skin cancer. For these reasons, all patients should have a full check-up by a doctor or properly trained nurse before submitting to compression bandaging and be reviewed regularly if the treatment fails.

The revolution around the corner in leg ulcer treatment would appear to lie not in a new miracle drug, but in a systematic and adequately funded service of assessment, treatment, education and support for patients with a predisposition to ulcers.

Currently, as many as 50 per cent of patients are never seen by a doctor (many of whom delegate the diagnosis, as well as the bandaging, to their nurses). Yet nurse training in ulcer management is often given low priority, and the frequency of adequate compression therapy in venous leg ulcers is as low as 3.5 per cent in some districts.

Specialist ulcer clinics, run by a multi-disciplinary team of nurses, dermatologists, vascular surgeons and GPs, would undoubtedly raise overall clinical standards and improve the cost-effectiveness of ulcer care.

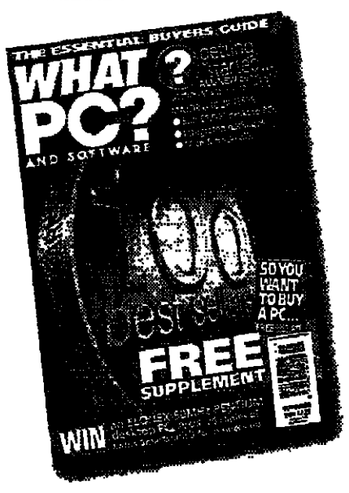
One such clinic in Manchester has recently improved overall ulcer healing rates from 22 per cent to 67 per cent.

No doubt the Government, which stands to save at least half a billion pounds annually, will be analysing these results with a considerable amount of interest.

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Kohl's victory gives Major a headache, says **George Brock**

Why Britain must fear a superstate

The sky is darkening over John Major's European policy. Just as the Prime Minister recovers from the annual Euro-sceptic festival otherwise known as the Conservative Party conference, Helmut Kohl wins power again in Germany to become the undisputed kingpin of EU politics for the rest of this decade.

According to Downing Street, of course, John and Helmut are great chums. But even as he signed the telegram of congratulations to the re-elected Chancellor, Mr Major must have been cursing the small number of Germans who tipped the result Herr Kohl's way.

Major and Kohl can both, in the rubber language of politics, be classified as "conservatives". But Herr Kohl now finds himself in a powerful position to push European unification as hard as he can, and he seems to have stopped caring whether or not this keeps Mr Major awake at night. Any political damage the Chancellor may suffer in Germany as he drives towards economic and — he hopes — political union are almost irrelevant. He will not be standing for election again.

The German election and Finnish EU referendum last weekend open several months of political decisions which are bringing the EU's future into clear focus. In spite of his small majority, Kohl can govern with confidence; his Social Democrat predecessor, Willy Brandt, swung West Germany towards *Ostpolitik* and its opening to the communist east with a Bundestag majority of similar size. Finland's "Yes" vote means that two of the four states now waiting at the EU's door are definitely coming inside. Austria and Finland are sure to join; Sweden looks a little more likely to do so as a result of the neighbouring Finnish vote. Only the ambivalent Norwegians look truly hesitant.

Swedish and Norwegian voters will give their verdicts on EU membership next month. December's EU summit, to be chaired by Herr Kohl, is designed as a meeting to drive forward Germany's plans to expand the EU eventually to include Eastern Europe. Germany will hand the EU's rotating presidency to France at the year's end. Next May, France elects a President to succeed François Mitterrand, and at present the leading candidates are the Prime Minister, Edouard Balladur, and the European Commission President, Jacques Delors. Neither man is famous for his sympathy for Britain's problems in Europe.

In the middle of next year, a committee of politicians and officials will start to debate the agenda for the 1996 conference, which is scheduled to rewrite the Maastricht treaty.

This timetable gives the Tory party opportunities to wrench itself into pieces over Europe once a fortnight for the foreseeable future. Whatever happened to the never-quite-defined things in Europe which Mr Major and Mr Hurd used to assure us were "going Britain's way"?

Norman Lamont overstates his case when he says that no evidence exists of trends in Britain's favour. The Government's problem lies in the fact that not *enough* trends are going Britain's way on the Continent. German political debate revolves around how fast Europe should unite and by what means, rather than whether or not Europe should do so. French Euro-sceptics have cooled their government's enthusiasm for unification, but by no means extinguished it. Integrationists still hold the levers of power in Paris. Italy is rethinking its approach to Europe but chary of being seen in the same corner as Britain. The incoming Scandinavians are unsentimental about federalism but extremely careful to show that they have not been infected by Britain's anti-Brussels mood. The rebellious mood which followed the signing of the Maastricht treaty is fizzling out.

In case anyone was in any doubt, Herr Kohl yesterday emphasised that "German unity as a historical event will be wasted if we don't press ahead in parallel with European unity". That policy starts with France, for events will now be shaped by next spring's presidential vote there. The most up-to-date guide we have to Germany's next moves towards France was issued in the late summer by the leaders of the now-victorious CDU/CSU coalition. The document favours taking a core of five EU countries towards a classical federal state.

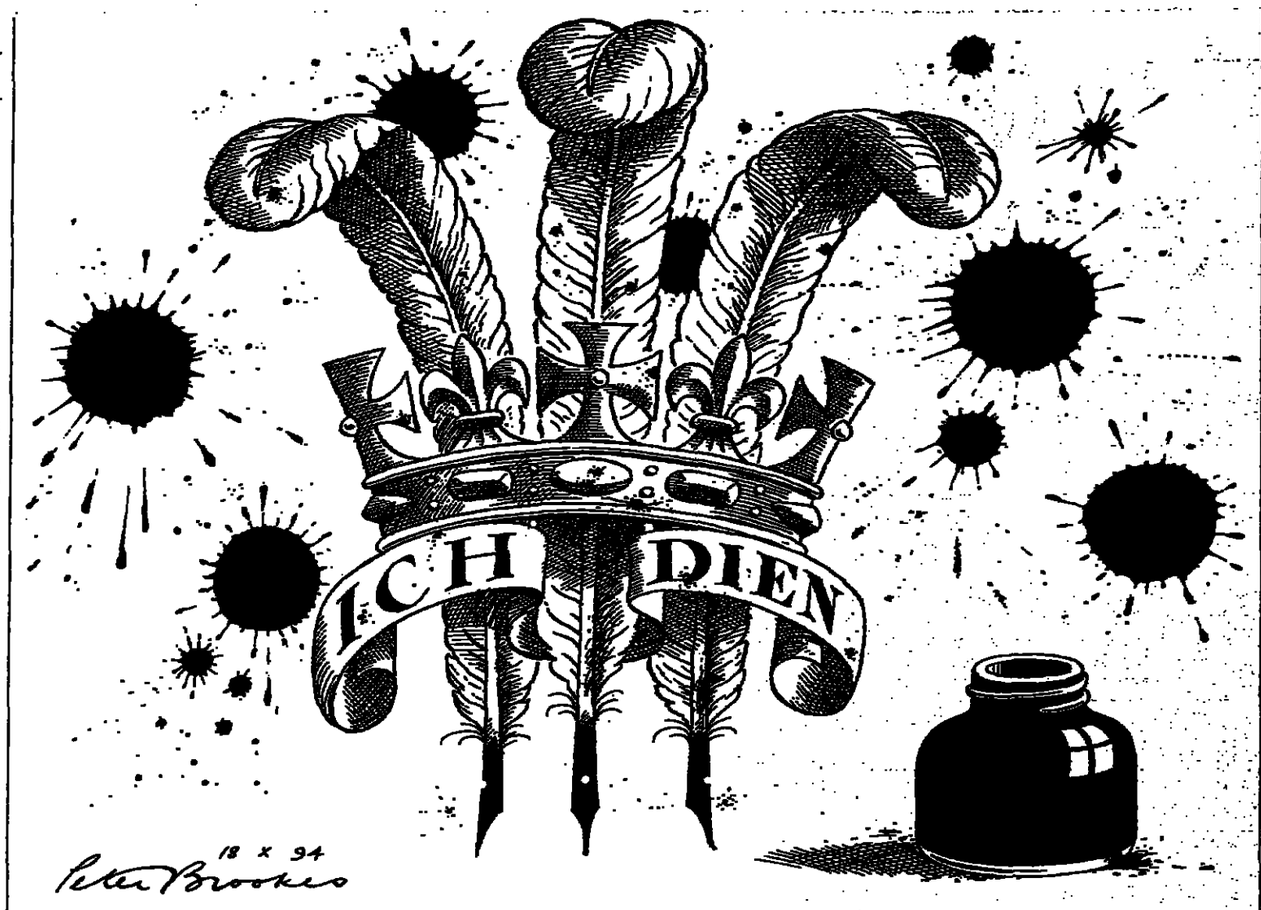
> John Major must have cursed the German result

The text is laced with warnings that France, Germany's partner at the head of the EU for decades, cannot indefinitely postpone this. Sooner or later, France must commit itself to a united Europe and abandon its national veto in key EU decisions. The paper makes brutally obvious that there is no possibility that the 1996 conference could be confined to safe topics such as eastern enlargement or shrinking the common agricultural policy.

Germany insists that true economic and monetary union must be accompanied by political union, with decisive powers for the European Parliament and majority voting across the board.

Neither France nor Britain can stomach the idea of developing the EU's infant and discredited joint foreign policy along such lines — let alone the projected European defence policy and army. Mr Major may enjoy some brief moments of *Schadenfreude* as he watches Germany and France's love-hate relationship blow hot and cold over these questions, but almost every conceivable outcome faces the British Government with an unpalatable choice.

The only real consolation for Mr Major is that the same dilemmas will also haunt anyone who might succeed him.



Behind Chinese walls

In Tibet, Buddhist monks and nuns are being horrifically persecuted — but why?

Bernard Levin

When people ask me what I do when I cannot think of anything to write about, I tell them, in my modest way, that that is the only problem I never have. But that is not because I am enormously clever, but because even if the flow of ideas should dry up, there is one subject from which I can always — always — draw sustenance, in the certainty that its fountain will never dry up. It is, of course, man's inhumanity to man.

So, although I have many subjects to write about, I now choose three columns on the subject, starting with this one, to appear on Tuesday 18, *deo volente*, with the other two appearing shortly.

And so, I must first announce that the rape of Tibet continues; the Chinese savages, it is clear, will not cease their destruction until that tragic and beautiful land ceases to exist. And still the mystery remains — the mystery, that is, of *why* the savages want to wipe it from the globe and from the memory of mankind. After all, we do not have to wear magic spectacles to see that the Chinese forces have a hundred times the firepower needed to put down any imaginary insurrection from Tibet, particularly because armed resistance on the part of the Tibetans ended many years ago, largely by the persuasion of the Dalai Lama, who will not countenance violence even against his people's oppressors. Yet the Chinese behave as though they were sitting on a mountain of explosives, awaiting every moment the Tibetan match.

As for the proof that the Chinese do want to see Tibet disappear altogether, we do not need to go so far as Tibet, for the proof is ready at hand in sober print, here.

> Two American tourists, Karen and Karl Aderer, were interrogated for four days and then deported, after giving a Buddhist monk a cassette of the teachings of the Dalai Lama. They had been given the tape by a Buddhist friend and made three copies before they left. They also brought photographs of His Holiness and gave three of these to other monks.
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> Their tour group was later stopped at a police road-block that had been specifically set up for them. Hear the Aderers: "Every day we were forced to go to the police station where we would undergo interrogations, listen to threats and sign 'statements', saying we distributed political propaganda. Our guide (a Tibetan) was also interrogated." [God help him when the Aderers finally left.] Their passports were confiscated, their room was searched and the remaining copies of the Dalai Lama tape and photographs were impounded. After days of waiting, the couple were given a police escort to the airport hotel . . . before being put on the plane back to Kathmandu.

Well, contemplating the lengths the Chinese authorities go to when a pair of obviously harmless tourists give an obviously harmless cassette to an obviously harmless Buddhist, it must truly be madness that the sight of a peaceful, gentle, holy and vegetarian monk causes in a Chinese official. For us, he is comical, but what follows is not comical, not comical at all, because lying on my desk there is a document that would freeze the smile off anyone human, except of course a Chinese official seconded to the Tibetan women's torture-chambers. Those of my readers who have a squeamish nature should have something strong to drink before I continue, and something much stronger after.

> Dogs were set on us while we were naked, lit cigarette butts were stubbed on our faces, knitting needles jabbed in our mouths . . . kicked in the breasts and the genitals until they were bleeding . . . made to hang from trees and beaten on bare flesh by electric batons. Containers of human urine were poured over our heads . . . I was hung up from the wall with my legs up and beaten with electric prods in the genitals and the mouth. After this I could not even go to the toilet.

That was the testimony of Nima Tsamchoe; the above was what she experienced. Or rather, it was some of what she experienced.

> Reports of women being raped by cattle prods are numerous. There are also reports of women being attacked by specially trained dogs whilst in prison . . . Tibetan nuns have been singled out for particularly brutal treatment. They are regularly subject to solitary confinement, which is rare among prisoners in Tibet given the number of detainees that exist. "The soldiers made us show our private parts and told us we were like dogs and pigs . . . They also forced the nuns to come out naked and prostrate themselves in front of the monks."

Incidentally, this treatment is not for torturing information out of prisoners, not that it would be any less barbaric if it were. But it seems that these horrors are routine in Tibetan women's prisons, and there is another gruesome aspect of what is called (the things I have to know!) "gender-specific torture". For these tortures and other sexual indignities are not typical of the experience of *male* prisoners.

I could go on like this for some time: well, come to think of it, I shall. It is unlikely that many of my readers have heard of Phuntsok Nyidron, but they should have, because she holds a record, and we all like to hear about people who can do remarkable things. In this case, however, it is not really *her* record, but that of the Chinese authorities in Tibet; Phuntsok Nyidron was sentenced to 17 years as a political prisoner in Drapchi Prison, and so far her record is unlikely to be surpassed. What is more, she was at first sentenced to a mere nine years, but copped another eight. And now I shall tell you what dreadful crime she has committed, to have been so severely punished.

Already she had been, in company with 13 Tibetan nuns, behind bars as a political prisoner, and she, with the other nuns, composed and recorded patriotic songs and poems on a tape-recorder that had been smuggled in to them. These doomsday weapons were enough to have all the nuns' sentences increased by another eight years, thus bringing up the record of 17 for Phuntsok Nyidron. Nor are such sentences particularly rare; for shouting a single forbidden slogan, the average sentence is roughly seven years. And yet those unimaginably brave nuns can say — do say — "Our enemy is our greatest teacher, teacher of patience and compassion. Imprisonment is our greatest test of faith".

It had better be. But there are two imponderables in this strange and terrible story. One is the brutality of the Chinese usurpers, and the other is the courage of the Tibetans. And both need elucidation. (Strictly speaking, there is a third; it is the way that almost all of the rest of the world ignores the wickedness of the intruders and the courage with which the sufferers have faced it.)

The first, the apparently pointless savagery against the peaceable people of Tibet may be a long-sighted fear of their own people. The flood towards the cities can hardly be called an insurrection, but that is not the point; it shows that demand for obedience is no longer instantly heeded. Do the rulers of China look that far? They would be wise to. Tiananmen Square is not forgotten, and next time it might be very different.

As for the people of Tibet and their heroism, it is almost without compare in all history. It is all very well to say that the quietism of the Buddhist faith teaches that one should not raise a hand in anger, let alone strike a persecutor (or, for that matter, knowingly tread upon a beetle); the only comparison I can think of is the persecution of the early Christians.

But remember that before the savages came to Tibet, the Tibetans had had a very long time to study the world and their part in it, and to perfect their contemplation — it is believed that Tibetan Buddhism had taken root in the 7th or 8th century. Such roots not only go deep, but they stabilise what is on the surface — surely, those wonderful temples that the Chinese savages destroyed, had enough time to end time, and would have done so, but for the savages.

One belief — I have never heard a better — is that the Chinese savages know just enough of their own history to know that China was once one of the greatest and most profound civilisations the world has ever held, and that the brutal and brutalised empire that these their successors have made it must at all costs banish the comparisons.

Over the centuries, there have been many attempts to destroy entirely a culture, a set of beliefs, a physical reminder of eternity; many have succeeded in such engulfing. But surely the genocide of Tibet, among all the countless destructions of history, must rank very high in the claims of evil.

Divorce is better than this

Woodrow Wyatt says Charles has been unwise

When I was 26, Osbert Sitwell asked me if I had killed my father yet — "most important". He wrote reams killing his strange, fascinating father. One of Sir George Sitwell's oft repeated commands was "I must ask anyone entering the house never to contradict me or differ from me in any way, as it interferes with the functioning of the gastric juices and prevents my sleeping at night". After Sir Osbert had written about aspects of his father which disturbed and haunted him, he was relieved of a load on his mind and felt more kindly towards him. I took his advice and wrote some harsh things about my father, of whom I was part terrified (he died when I was 13). Now I feel my early judgments were unfair. After he had described his early strong dislike of his father's attitudes and behaviour and the restraints they put on him, Kingsley Amis, in one of his very best books, *You Can't Do Both*, shows how he came to recognise and honour the strength of his good qualities.

Now that Prince Charles has got off his chest complaints about his father, I am sure he will come to a more balanced appreciation of Prince Philip's remarkable attributes. But for the heir to the throne to parade his strictures on and resentment of his parents is not called for; it should have been left for readers a hundred years' distant. When lesser persons openly disparage members of their families, there are no national consequences, although there may be personal damage. Everyone must wonder at the impact on Prince Charles's sons, who may suffer in secret the same torments as were inflicted on their father by his schoolfellows. Prince Charles came very well out of the long television programme in which, *inter alia*, he frankly told us of his adultery. He should have left it at that.

But has he now irretrievably wrecked his chance of becoming King, if that is what he still wishes? The high probability is that the Queen will reign at least another ten to 20 years, during which things causing ferment now will be forgotten, unless Prince Charles or others close to him stir them up again or create new hazards.

The first requisite is to end the farce of his marriage. We cannot have another queen, like George IV's Queen Caroline, being driven away from the doors of Westminster Abbey when trying to attend her husband's coronation. George IV failed to persuade the Prime Minister and the House of Lords to give him the divorce he wanted because of his wife's adultery. Since he had five famous mistresses (with one of whom he conducted a form of marriage), 11 other named mistresses plus two others unnamed and numerous brief affairs, this was felt to be carrying double standards too far. Adultery is no longer an essential for divorce. Even mutual incompatibility suffices, and it cannot be denied in this case. The Prince of Wales believes in honesty; he should be honest in ending his desolate marriage quickly.

Undoubtedly the antics and irresponsibility of younger members of the royal family have reduced the respect for some royal individuals; but the institution of monarchy does not belong to them, nor even to our splendid and dignified Queen and her mother. The monarchy as an institution belongs to the people of this country and of the Commonwealth. We want the monarchy because, however illogical, it suits the British temperament. The monarchy was not made or developed for the benefit of sovereigns, who often have a rough time, but for our benefit. It embodies our glorious, up-and-down history; it is the symbol and linchpin of our United Kingdom, and invokes in us a patriotism determined to ensure that Britain will never be a minor nation.

I once thought the Commonwealth was pointless. Now, largely through the work of the present Queen, it has become a unifying force, with a common identity, of great significance to that third of the world's population which was previously in the British Empire. The pleasure and pride its leaders take at Commonwealth conferences, with the Queen as their head, is manifest. Buckingham Palace is a focus which means as much to Nelson Mandela as it does to the inhabitants of these islands. If we became a republic, the Commonwealth would disintegrate, with ensuing loss of stability.

The Duke of Edinburgh, in an interview in *The Daily Telegraph*, put dispassionately the problem of becoming a republic. "You have an elected head of state . . . you've got to have a process of elections. The pros and the antis have to form up." A presidential election would be a divisive election too many. The president would either have to wield some power or be the meaningless pawn of the party electing him. He could never be a neutral and generally accepted symbol of our country's past greatness and future. The ship of state would not "ride on in majesty" as it does today, unique in the world's admiration. Its majesty is not affected if the people and Parliament decide, *in extremis*, that the line of direct succession should be diverted in favour of a more suitable sovereign.

Shadow boxer

DESPITE his impressive self-confidence at the Labour Party conference, Tony Blair is clearly experiencing stage-fright about today's debut at prime ministerial question time as Leader of Her Majesty's Opposition. He has been practising.

A well-placed scout spotted the Labour leader at around five o'clock on Sunday evening — when no self-respecting MP would be found anywhere near Westminster — in the deserted chamber of the Commons. Blair was standing at the dispatch box, gesticulating and talking earnestly to the empty bench opposite, traditionally occupied by John Major.

"At first I thought he had gone mad and was talking to himself," says my man. "But then I saw that Bobby was there. He seemed to be helping him to rehearse." Bobby is, of course, Blair's nickname for the oleaginous member for Hartlepool, Peter Mandelson. And Mandelson was drilling him over the finer arts of intonation. He encouraged Blair to speak more slowly and quietly.

It was not clear whether Blair was wearing stage make-up — he plastered it all over his face for the TV cameras at Blackpool. But those with their political ears pressed to the ground will be surprised that he still attends Mandelson's sharp-suited school of presentation.

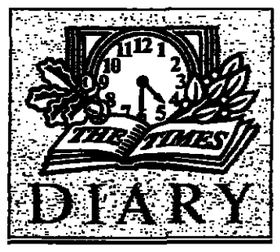
Lab report

IF DIMBLEBY'S biography is to be believed, the Princess of Wales forced her husband to part with his beloved yellow labrador because she was jealous of the affection lavished on the mutt.

But thankfully Harvey's final four years were extremely happy. Lieutenant-Colonel Philip Creasy, former comptroller of Prince Charles's Household and now the feisty secretary-general of the Royal British Legion, took on the dog at the age of ten.

"He was a great old dog — absolutely marvellous. He had been an outstanding gun-dog in his time, but he was getting on a bit when he came to us — he just needed a country home."

Harvey, who was so often at His Royal Highness's side, had the Colonel's other labrador to keep him company. "They got on great



guns," he reports. And now that Harvey is sleeping contentedly on that great beanbag in the sky, the Creasys lavish their affection on his replacement — a retriever.

● *Legal ground was broken in Falkirk Sheriff Court yesterday when musical socks worn by a solicitor, Martin Morrow, started playing tunes. Morrow wrestled with them under the table for ten minutes before he could turn them off. Fortunately the source of the noise remained unidentified by the sheriff.*

Lost gem

MARK THATCHER could have avoided the arms-dealing scrapes in which he seems to find himself if he had stuck to a profession he pursued in the late 1970s. Or so his former boss in the jewellery business, one Anthony Kliger, would have us believe.

Thatcher put in a brief stint at a Manchester jewellery wholesaler, the L.J. Manufacturing Company, owned by a family going by the name of Lepp — Jamie Lepp had been at Harrow with Mark, who rather fancied his sister.

"He was a very good salesman," says Kliger, who would visit the likes of Asprey and Garrard with Thatcher in tow. "If he had kept at it, he could have made his mark. I think it might have been beneficial for him if he had stayed in the business. However, his eyes were on higher things."

Big help

FORMER Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who offered a casual invitation to the Queen when he dropped into Buckingham Palace in 1989, was oblivious to the excitement caused by her visit to Moscow yesterday. He was collecting yet another peace prize in New York.

Given the growing fissures between Buckingham Palace and St James's Palace, the royal family could have benefited from the advice he offered on accepting the U Thant Peace Award: "All human beings are God's creation, and they must strive to understand each other and to work with each other."

Gorbachev has given up striving to understand Boris Yeltsin, however. He cannot bear the sight of the man, and diplomatic sources say he preferred to flee to New York rather than watch the Russian President entertain Her Majesty.

Honky tank

THERE is talk in military circles of an unprecedented rock concert to be held among the tanks at the Imperial War Museum. The band, it is hoped, will be the Rolling Stones — admirably suited to veteran audiences, but not quite Dame Vera Lynn.

Plans for the "do" are at an early stage, but a party after a cricket match next May to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Victory Test between England and Australia is being organised by Bill Wyman, former bass player of the Stones. And there are suggestions that he may persuade his former colleagues to perform. "We don't know yet whether the Stones will be in Britain at the time," says a spokeswoman for the band. "But Mick is mad about cricket and I'm sure such a venue would appeal to him."

The event should prove memorable, not least for the cricket match itself. John Major is to captain one side and has been asked to recruit a team. His opposition will be the formidable Bunbury's cricketing charity, probably led by David Gower.

● *Douglas Hurd misses no opportunity to fly the flag for Britain. He was spotted taking a dip in the pool at Amman's Marriott Hotel in Jordan during his recent tour of the Middle East — sporting a lively pair of swimming trunks covered in Union Jacks.*



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WINNER TAKES ALL

Hopes and fears after the re-election of the German Chancellor

Helmut Kohl will dominate the politics of the European continent for the next four years as surely as he dominated the election campaign which has delivered him a fourth term as German Chancellor. In two years, he will overtake the postwar record set by his mentor, Konrad Adenauer. He has won this election, moreover, not on a wave of national euphoria as in 1990, but because in difficult and uncertain times Germans echo his own self-confident assessment of himself as "a Chancellor for all seasons".

The strains of unification have told on the German electorate, trimming his governing majority to ten votes and the Christian Democrat share of the popular vote to its lowest since 1949. But the existence of these strains served also to underline the degree to which Herr Kohl's personality satisfies both the romantic strand in the German character and the desire for stability after four years of rapid and unsettling change.

Dull his rhetoric may be, and homely his appearance, but he comes over as a man with history on his side: right in his decisive plunge for unification, in his insistence that this could and must be compatible with continued German membership of Nato, and triumphant this year in the symbolic reassertion of German sovereignty as allied troops of East and West paraded out of Berlin. Taxes, which he pledged in 1990 not to raise, may have risen and be set to rise further; but so has his broader political claim on German gratitude. The "unification Chancellor" can claim to have reforged the historical link with Wilhelminian Germany.

For neighbouring states, the German question will thus inevitably be revisited in the century's closing years. Germany's waxing economic power would have assured that outcome even in the event of a Red-Green coalition. Under a strong Chancellor who makes no secret that European unification is his remaining ambition and who appears to hold both Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin in his ample palm, the question takes an inevitably more fearsome form. Herr Kohl constantly cites Thomas Mann's formula, "a European Germany, not a German Europe". Britons can be forgiven their scepticism about whether this distinction holds.

Because of Germany's new power and pivotal geopolitical position at the centre of the continent, Europe will become more "German" — in some respects, benignly so. The Polish welcome for Herr Kohl's fourth term reflects the belief in Central and Eastern Europe that he is a reliable champion of further enlargement of the European Union; and that the weight he carries with Moscow enhances their strategic independence. There is comfort for Britain in Herr Kohl's commitment to free trade; and for America, in his conviction that Germany must play a bigger role in collective security. He radiates predictability.

On the debit side, Herr Kohl has always been impatient of criticism. At home, this is tempered by acute political antennae. More Biedemeier than Bismarck in style, he has demonstrated none of the radicalism of a Reagan or a Thatcher in domestic policy. Indeed, he has been positively Micawberish in his tendency to duck difficult decisions — on the over-regulation of industry, the unpayable social security bill, the doubling of public sector debt since 1990 and even, notoriously, on confronting xenophobic extremists. The need to forge compromises with the Social Democrat majority in the Bundesrat, Germany's upper chamber, will reinforce this instinctive caution. But the more that a slender majority constrains Herr Kohl at home, the stronger will be the appeal of an active foreign policy.

Herr Kohl is both arch-federalist and arch-pragmatist. German voters are increasingly reluctant to surrender more sovereignty, let alone their precious currency, to Brussels. Herr Kohl has taken note. The Chancellor, aware that the hurdles to East European membership are already steep, has begun to champion the decentralisation of power away from the Commission. If he holds to that and — which is more in doubt — can be persuaded to temper his ambitions for the European Parliament, John Major may still be able to make common cause with Germany in forging a free trading, free market northwestern axis in Europe. The Chancellor's victory may even improve the chance of achieving that aim. But, as our European Editor suggests on the opposite page, the British path has all the uncertainties of a tightrope walk.

LABOUR OLD AND NEW

Trade unions have found an excuse for keeping Clause Four

Nobody ever thought that replacing Clause Four of Labour's constitution would be easy. But it may turn out to be trickier than most people had expected. Our industrial editor, Philip Bassett, has found that many key trade unions have the clause (or something very like it) written into their own constitutions. They could therefore have the perfect excuse not to support Tony Blair's modernisation drive at next year's party conference.

It was this problem, among others, which beset Hugh Gaitskell when he attempted to rewrite Clause Four in 1960. Then, as now, there were union leaders who argued that Labour had lost three elections in a row not because it was too left-wing but because it was not socialist enough. And there were others who were sentimentally attached to the goal of securing "for the workers by hand or by brain the full fruits of their industry ... upon the basis of the common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange". The alliance of hardliners and sentimentalists is also likely to fall upon the rulebook this time as a useful means of fending off Mr Blair's revisionist challenge.

The modernisers can fight back. They may argue that, just because the stated object of a trade union is to secure nationalisation before breakfast, lunch and dinner, this need not preclude the union's leaders from voting somewhat differently in the Labour Party itself. If, however, the unions determine that their rulebooks will have to be changed in order for them to support Mr Blair at next year's party conference, the scene is set for some bruising argument. Union activists tend to be more left-wing than their membership.

Our survey today finds that unions wielding 60 per cent of the union vote at conference have such clauses in their rulebooks; unions holding the other 40 per cent contain nothing so explicit. On this question, unlike the election for the leadership of the party, the trade unions still hold 70 per cent of the votes. And individual union delegates are likely, as this year, to vote en bloc the same way as their leaders.

Mr Blair's best tactic would be to appeal over the heads of the union leaders and activists to ordinary members. It was a coalition of party members and trade union levy-payers that voted him into the leadership and gave him the mandate to embark upon a modernising campaign against the wishes of many union bosses. As soon as the party has agreed upon a form of words to replace Clause Four, Mr Blair and his new general secretary, Tom Sawyer, should ballot all party members on the issue and urge trade unions to do the same with their levy-payers. The result would almost certainly be in support of modernisation.

This would achieve two purposes. It would fulfil Mr Blair's pledge to consult the party on this contentious matter. More important, it would set the tone for the union conferences in which Clause Four will be debated next spring and summer. It would put the onus on the opponents of "New Labour" to explain why they are so wedded to the old words; and why they are prepared to vote against the wishes of ordinary members.

THE FUTURE FOR BOOKS

Libraries can be staging posts on the information highway

Britain's municipal libraries are in danger of missing an opportunity. They have always been a people's path to betterment through books. This they still are. But they could do much more to help those who seek knowledge. In a political climate which rightly demands accountability from those who spend taxpayers' money, their survival depends upon them making this effort.

On the bright, attractive shelves of their great rival, the bookshops, much of the merchandise, particularly among the classics, is cheaper than ever. Supermarkets are coming into the book business too. Most local libraries look dusty and dull next door to competition like this. To anyone who works they can also seem permanently shut.

But libraries are lucky. They have skilled advocates. An special inquiry by *The Times* reports today on the findings of a team of experts whom the Government commissioned to advise on the next 50 years of public knowledge. They have produced a sophisticated petition, albeit in draft form, for libraries' continued support from new sources of public, private and European funding.

According to surveys by Aslib, the body that brought the team together, libraries would be missed by the three-fifths of the population which use them. Imaginatively promoted and managed so as to capitalise on the expertise that their staff hold, libraries could continue to occupy an important social position. They could be information hypermarkets, or even convenience stores, for an age in which dexterity with information is greatly prized.

Figures which show a marked decline in book lending obscure a more complex pattern of library use. Many elderly or housebound people in rural communities, our correspondents report, depend on tiny mobile libraries for companionship and contact, as well as books. For as little as £21,000 a year, they deliver a social service that enriches the lives of the isolated or lonely beyond accountancy.

Above all, libraries continue to serve the seekers after knowledge and to democratise it. Knowledge has escaped from the bound pages of books to roam today's technological jungle. And it has expanded beyond the wildest expectations of the librarians of Ancient Egypt, or even of 18th-century Edinburgh, home of Britain's first subscription library. Today's town hall student is just as likely to need to travel the information superhighway as to browse the shelves of the local library. If libraries are truly to provide value for money, librarians must forsake their bookish image and clear a path through this electronic undergrowth.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Latest twist in the Windsor saga

From Mr George Walden, MP for Buckingham (Conservative)

Sir, Your sister paper *The Times Literary Supplement* carried this week a review of *The Transformation of European Politics* by Paul W. Schroeder, which notes that in 1809, at a critical stage of Britain's relations with the Continent, Parliament spent two months investigating the Duke of York's relations with his mistress.

The author remarks: "One can understand Napoleon's rage and frustration. With all his power, he could not only not bring the British down, he could not even gain their full attention." His conclusion is that this speaks volumes for the stability of British politics.

This time round our royal saga has continued, scarcely interrupted, for several years. There seems no reason why it should ever stop. At this historical juncture I suspect that tells us more about our escapism than our stability.

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE WALDEN,
House of Commons.
October 17.

From Mr P. R. Hunt

Sir, I have discussed education with the Prince of Wales — in particular Timbertop, the outdoor-training school which he attended in Australia. He is wiser than all the headmasters with whom I have discussed the subject. He is close to being a "philosopher king". He wishes the truth to be known and this is why he has authorised the publication of Jonathan Dimbleby's biography.

Do not all of us Britons crave the truth which is in such short supply today from police, press and politicians?

Yours faithfully,
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From Dr Brian D. Keighley

Sir, It is obvious to anyone who has had to endure the public posturing of all the major political parties at their recent annual conferences that honesty, courage and integrity are rare qualities in modern Britain.

It is therefore refreshing and reassuring to read extracts from a book which reveals that, despite the flaws, such qualities are present in abundance in the heir to the throne.

Yours faithfully,
BRIAN D. KEIGHLEY,
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Balfron, Stirlingshire.

From Ms June Preston

Sir, Whatever Prince Charles may feel about his father's attitude to him as a child, I think he and other members of the royal family could have learned a great deal by listening to the words of wisdom uttered by Prince Philip which were reported on the news today: "We do not discuss private matters."

Yours etc,
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From Mr Adrian Tester

Sir, As Oscar Wilde wrote in *A Woman of No Importance*: "Children begin by loving their parents; after a time they judge them; rarely, if ever, do they forgive them."

Yours faithfully,
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Children's oral health

From Dr Sonia Williams

Sir, On October 7 your obituary column paid tribute to the life of Professor Donald Court. His important contribution to the health care of children as chair of the Committee on Child Health Services resulted in the publication of *Fit for the Future* in 1976. It was noted that the "Court report" had brought about the most radical change in the medical care of children seen this century, and that less than 20 years later virtually all the report's recommendations have been implemented.

Regrettably, there are certain omissions. Chapter 13, "The path to dental health", included recommendations for the establishment of consultancies in paediatric dentistry, with a starting phase to be at least one in each region. These consultants are responsible for the organisation of highly specialised oral health care for children including those with complex medical, physical or emotional disadvantage.

Unfortunately, some health regions are still without the necessary expertise, including East Anglia, Oxford and Wessex. In those regions where such appointments have been made, one consultant may provide cover for as many as one million children.

It is important that these deficiencies are recognised and remedied at the earliest opportunity if disadvantaged children are to become *Fit for the Future*.

Yours sincerely,
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October 11.

Lessons from the Tory conference

From Mr Lucas Mellinger

Sir, With reference to Mr Major's pledge to double British living standards in the next 25 years, your Economics Correspondent (report, October 15) asks the rhetorical question: "Does Mr Major mean that today's two-car family will become a four-car family? Or ... that we will all earn twice as much as we do now, which ... implies that inflation is not dead."

Why do economists not realise that "standards" refer primarily to the quality of life, not to percentages of growth?

The same day, your Political Editor properly summarises the main points of Mr Major's pledge relating to sport, nursery education, stability in the classroom and in crime-hit areas. All these are qualitative not quantitative aims. And I, for one, would be delighted with these qualitative improvements in British living standards. The difference between 1.75 per cent and 2.6 per cent of growth is meaningless to me and, I imagine, to most.

Yours faithfully,
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October 15.

From the Chairman of the Freedom Association

Sir, If he is unable "to carve out the right position for Britain in the right sort of Europe", the Prime Minister tells us that at the 1996 pan-European constitutional conference he will "just say 'No' ".

Having watched over 22 years the power of our judiciary, that of the executive, of the Westminster Parliament and of the Prime Minister himself, being handed away in chunks to the EEC, the EC and today the EU, only the unconsulted electorate now have the ultimate ability to say "No". With the net contribution to Brussels for the Irish, Greek, Spanish and Portuguese economies and for the French and German farmers doubling to £68 million a week by 1996 (enough to increase the old age pension here by £7 a week) and the spectre of the noose of a single currency, a referendum would produce a resounding vote for restoring our self-governance.

Affecting far more than the 9.8 million OAPs is the fact that the cost of subsidising the common agricultural policy has forced food prices for the average family of four to a crippling £28 a week above world market prices.

As with the summit of Everest in 1953 or the four-minute mile at Oxford in 1954, it is being first which counts. Victory at the next general election now depends on a referendum pledge — will Mr Major or Mr Blair jump first? He who jumps second will be unelectable.

Yours faithfully,
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October 15.

From Mr Roderick Tyler

Sir, Whether Rab Butler's promise of doubling British living standards was realised in 25 years, as the Prime Minister believes, or 30 years, as Janet Bush demonstrates (October 15), it was achieved by pursuing policies — under Eden, Macmillan, Home, Wilson, Heath and Callaghan — which Lady Thatcher and the Prime Minister have anathematised.

Yours faithfully,
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Legal aid cuts

From the Chairman of the British Legal Association

Sir, Your editorial, "Society and solicitors (October 8), draws attention to the conflict of interest in the Law Society being both a regulatory and disciplinary body and also a trade union for its members.

The British Legal Association has always drawn attention to this dilemma and continues to press for the Law Society to drop its trade union role. For the last 30 years the association has represented thousands of high-street solicitors. It has taken an active part in the profession's dealings with government on controversial legislation and with bodies set up to investigate solicitors' work such as the Royal Commission on Legal Services and Criminal Justice. It has also represented solicitors appearing on disciplinary charges through the Solicitors Defence Agency.

Unfortunately, you continue to disclose your support of the current Lord Chancellor in his attempts to cut legal aid. You did not mention his refusal to reverse the cuts when last year's legal aid expenditure fell sufficiently short of estimates. The vast majority of legal aid practices are struggling to survive on non-existent profit margins, and face irrelevant government measures such as franchising and fund-holding. How can costs be reduced in the presence of such obstacles?

Yours faithfully,
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From Mr M. L. King

Sir, You might have pointed out in your leading article that the legal profession put an unanswerable alternative case to the Lord Chancellor as to how his required saving to the legal aid fund could be achieved. This was almost totally ignored, as a result of which the availability of legal aid to those who cannot otherwise afford justice has been considerably eroded.

Perhaps you could apply the main thrust of your article to your own industry, which has been assiduous in attempting to preserve self-regulation, one element of which, to quote from your article, is "to ensure that the profession is manned by practitioners of integrity". Patently the press has failed to do this. This country needs a strong and independent legal profession as much as it needs a strong and independent press, and solicitors as well as the press should welcome the yardstick as being "integrity" and "professional skill".

Whilst not necessarily advocating a return to fixed-scale fees for conveyancing, I am old enough to remember that the one thing which was achieved by this was that the people who were good at the job justifiably got most work. There is little doubt now in this "shop-around, cheapest is all-important" mentality encouraged by consumer organisations and the media that on the whole the people who charge the least, irrespective of competence or quality, get most of the work. Some might take the view that the consumer emerges second-best in these circumstances above all.

Solicitors have traditionally compensated clients in areas where other professions have not. Costs could be reduced by, for example, abolishing the compensation fund, but this would clearly not be in the interests of the consumer.

Yours faithfully,
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Making waves

From Dr Alistair G. Dawson and others

Sir, Mr Christopher Pearman, who points out (letter, October 14) that we need a new English word for "tidal wave", should settle for the correct universal term from the Japanese, *tsunami* (literally, "harbour wave").

The earthquake origin of *tsunamis* is well-established, but a new mechanism which affected the coastline of Britain (and elsewhere) has recently been recognised in coastal deposits produced by a *tsunami* caused by one of the world's largest underwater sediment slides in the Norwegian Sea, some 7,000 years ago. This produced waves of up to a maximum of 10 metres in height in the Eastern North Atlantic region and caused extensive coastal flooding.

Since the past is the key to the future, the European Union is funding research to assess the magnitude, timing and location of past *tsunamis*, in light of, for example, the coastal nuclear power stations close to sea level in Europe.

Yours sincerely,
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Examining examiners

From Dr A. J. Woodthorpe

Sir, Your editorial of October 12 posed the question "Who examines examiners?" The answer is simple: the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority (SCAA), the Office for Standards in Education (Ofsted) and, ultimately, the many thousands of schools which enter candidates for GCSE examinations each year.

SCAA and Ofsted observe each stage of the question-setting, marking and grade award process to ensure that each is conducted in accordance with the mandatory code of practice. Schools have the right to inquiries about their results, access to the groups', or boards', appeal mechanisms and, finally, access to the Independent Appeals Authority for School Examinations. IAASE, in its last published report, expressed confidence in the running of the examinations and concluded that candidates, parents and schools can expect fair treatment from the system. In 1993 there were 4,968,634 entries for GCSE and IAASE heard five appeals.

The groups are open to scrutiny, as demonstrated by the Latymer case, and it is unfortunate that your editorial failed to recognise the successful challenge to an examination board as a strength of the GCSE system, using it instead to criticise the most closely monitored examination in the UK.

Yours faithfully,
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32 Russell Square, WC1.

Cathedrals facing threat to standards

From Mr Richard Cross

Sir, The urge to centralise, introduce state management techniques and meddle generally with working historical foundations has clearly overwhelmed the Archbishops' Commission on Cathedrals, chaired by Lady Howe ("Bishops urged to end cathedral jobs for life", report, October 12). The cathedrals are solvent, so in a meaningless calculation the commissioners note a deficit "if the benefit of legacies and appeals is excluded". How would the whole Church's finances appear without such gifts?

One cathedral loses money on one project and the bishops spot the chance to seize the glittering prize of control, historically denied them. Without adding to their empires, one would think that their lordships would be better focusing their energies on the grave deficiencies in their dioceses for which they are already responsible. Parishes may close, face insolvency, disrepair and provide lamentable services for dwindling numbers, but cathedrals do not.

In the language of a meddling bureaucrat the report acknowledges the successes of the cathedrals but says that they are "rather an incoherent pattern of institutions". Lincoln's solitary loss of £56,000 can be set beside the centralised "coherence" of the Church Commissioners and the multi-millions they lost in property ventures.

Worst of all, cathedrals face being burdened in time and money with hordes of chattering committee types, of which Lady Howe is a standard-bearer, sitting on new "greater councils" and feeding off voluminous minutes and reports. The replacement of lead and stone must wait as money is diverted to pay for "lay administrators", and, doubtless, their cars.

The commission would like bells to be rung more. This report should set alarm bells pealing as the deans and chapters prepare to fight off a foolish attack.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant,
RICHARD CROSS,
Greenwood,
Bickley Park Road, Bickley, Kent.
October 12.

From the Secretary of the MSF Clergy Section

Sir, The proposals put forward by the Archbishops' Commission under Lady Howe will cause a widening of the already yawning gulf that is opening up within the Church of England. It is a gap that has on one side those dedicated to the "modernisation of the Church at all costs", and on the other side clergy struggling to cope with partial and selective imposition of modern standards in secular employment.

Clergy in ministry either at parish or cathedral level are badly placed to stand such changes. Cathedral clergy (like those in parish ministry) will increasingly be in need of a professional union to represent them in the new regime. The MSF Clergy Section, launched last month (report, September 15), is already up and running and doing business. We are taking an active interest in all these proposed changes to clergy conditions of service and will respond with our considered views in due course.

Cathedral clergy who are concerned at these developments would be wise to consider their representation rights and would be welcome in this section.

Yours sincerely,
CHRIS BALL,
Secretary, Clergy Section, MSF,
Park House,
64-66 Wandsworth Common
North Side, SW18.
October 13.

From Dr Eric Leigh

Sir, The latest report on cathedrals appears to offer an opportunity to those who wish to diminish still further the musical heritage of the Anglican Church. The ominous phrase "a musical and liturgical rapprochement between the cathedral and the rest of the diocese" points the way to more "raves in the nave" and the inclusion into cathedral worship of the tawdry music now so frequently heard in parish churches.

Present standards of cathedral music are as high as they have ever been and it seems regrettable that excellence is to be unsettled and undermined by the promotion of mediocrity.

Yours faithfully,
ERIC LEIGH,
2 Charlotte Drive,
Kirby Cross, Essex.
October 14.

Scales of justice

From Mr Nicolas Barber, JP

Sir, I find it interesting that 96 per cent of the judiciary (letter, October 12) have a public school and Oxbridge background. Yet the magistracy, who come from all backgrounds (and at least 40 per cent are women), hear approximately 96 per cent of criminal cases.

Yours sincerely,
N. G. BARBER,
Wethered Manor, Sedgeford,
Hunstanton, Norfolk.
October 12.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 071-782 5046.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning for the State Visit to the Russian Federation.

Her Majesty and His Royal Highness were received at the airport by the Earl of Airlie, KT (Lord Chamberlain), Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant of Greater London (Field Marshal the Lord Bramall, KG), Mr Aleksandr Kudinov (Minister-Counsellor, Russian Embassy), Dr Brian Smith (Chairman, British Airports Authority) and Mr Michael Roberts (Managing Director, Heathrow Airport).

The following are in attendance: the Rt Hon Douglas Hurd, MP (Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) and Mrs Hurd, His Excellency Sir Brian Fall (Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Russian Federation) and Lady Fall, the Duchess of Grafton, Lady Dugdale, the Rt Hon Sir Robert Fellowes, Major General Sir Simon Cooper, Sir Kenneth Scott, Mr Charles Anson, Surgeon Captain David Swain, RN, Air Commodore the Hon Timothy Elworthy, Major James Patrick, Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis and Mr John Sawers.

The Prince Edward and The Princess Royal, Counsellors of State acting on behalf of The Queen, held a Council at 12.10pm.

There were present: the Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP (Lord President), the Viscount Cranborne (Lord Privy Seal), the Rt Hon Douglas Hogg, MP (Minister of State, Foreign and Commonwealth Office) and the Rt Hon Roger Freeman, MP (Minister of State, Ministry of Defence).

Mr Nigel Nicholls was in attendance as Clerk of the Council.

The Rt Hon Antony Newton, MP, had an audience of Their Royal Highnesses before the Council. Lady Dugdale has succeeded the Hon Mary Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 17: The Prince Edward, Chairman, International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening attended a Dinner given by the Anglo Mauritian Association at the Royal Over-Seas League, St James's Street, London SW1.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sean O'Dwyer was in attendance.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 17: The Princess Royal, President, Animal Health Trust, this afternoon attended the Annual Equestrian Awards Ceremony, Grosvenor House Hotel, Park Lane, London, W1. Mrs Timothy Holderness-Roddam was in attendance.

Her Royal Highness, President of the Patrons, later attended the launch of Crime Concern's "Safer Cities: Partners in Crime Prevention" Programme, Royal Aeronautical Society, 4 Hamilton Place, London W1. Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 17: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President, the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, this afternoon opened the Society's Tilbury Children's Project, Dock Road, Tilbury.

Her Royal Highness was received by Mr John Norris (Vice Lord Lieutenant of Essex). The Hon Mrs Whitehead was in attendance.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Reception and a Performance by Opera Interludes, given at The Fishmongers' Hall, London, EC4, in aid of the Friends of the Elderly and Gentlefolk's Help of which Her Royal Highness is President.

The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Sir Tim Bell, advertising executive, 53; Lord Clark of Kempston, 77; Professor Tim Clark, dean of pulmonary medicine, National Heart and Lung Institute, 59; Lord Cooke of Islandreagh, 74; Lord Elis-Thomas, 48; Mr Sam Galbraith, MP, 49; Professor H.C.A. Hankins, Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Umist, 64; Lord Kimball, 66; Miss Martina Navratilova, tennis player, 38; Sir James Nursaw, QC, HM Procurator General and Treasury Solicitor, 62; Sir Joseph Pope, former Vice-Chancellor, Aston University, 80; Dr Kate Pretty, principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 49; Lady Saltoun, 64; Mr Michael Stich, tennis player, 26; Mrs Mary Symes, first woman coroner, 82; the Earl of Tankerville, 38; Mr Dick Taverne, QC, former MP, 66; Air Chief Marshal Sir Peter Terry, 68; Vice-Admiral Sir James Willis, 71.

Lecture

Byron Society
Professor Anne Barton of Trinity College, Cambridge, delivered a lecture to the Byron Society last night at the Royal Institution of Great Britain. Lord Byron, president, and Mr Michael Foot, a vice-president, also spoke.

Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at the School for Sir Allan Davis and all deceased Old Vaughanians on Tuesday, November 22, at 7.30pm. All Old Vaughanians and Friends of the School are invited. Old Boy Priests are invited to concelebrate. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

Professor Eila Campbell

A celebration of the life of Professor Eila M.J. Campbell will be held in central London on Wednesday, November 16, at 4.00pm. Those wishing to attend should inform Professor Peter Campbell, 6 Treyarnon Court, 37 Eastern Avenue, Reading RG1 5RX (or fax 0734 753833) by November 2.

Mr George Thornton Hesketh

A Memorial Service for Mr George Thornton Hesketh will be held in Lincoln's Inn Chapel on Monday, November 14, 1994, at 5.00pm.


JOEL CHANT

John and Janette Bellamy, who work with Pat Barry, right, at the sports centre he runs in Weaverham

Village bobby creates sports centre

BY JOHN YOUNG

THE TIMES COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE AWARDS

DURING his 13 years as the village bobby in Weaverham, Cheshire, Pat Barry surprised his superiors by repeatedly refusing the offer of a patrol car, preferring to police his beat by bicycle or on foot.

Since he retired last year, he can afford to be gently critical of younger members of the force who "like to race around in their Pandas and need a can opener to prise them out".

There is, however, no malice in Mr Barry, only a belief in the social importance of the community policeman. In that role he became closely involved with young people and was made aware of the lack of leisure facilities. Although still designated a village, Weaverham has about 8,500 inhabitants, many of whom work in the Deeside chemical plants or commute to Liverpool or Manchester.

"I did a lot of work with the local youth club but there was really very little for youngsters to do except play darts and the one-armed bandits," Mr Barry recalls.

"I was on good terms with the parish council and, through my daily contact with local people, I was able to ask them what the village needed most and what they would like to see."

There was strong support for a sports centre, and in 1983 Mr Barry suggested applying to take over a school building which was about to close. However, the local authority decided to reopen it as a school for children with special needs.

At first, support for his project came from the football pools-sponsored Foundation for Sport and the Arts, and subsequently from the Sports Council, the Football Trust and Vale Royal Borough Council. A new building, designed by Brian Giles, an architect in Warrington, was completed last December at a cost of £425,000, of which £50,000 was raised by local people.

The bright and spacious building has a sports hall used for badminton, volley ball, basketball, five-a-side football and bowls, and also for stage shows, lectures, concerts, dances and discos. There is also a lounge which seats up to 60, a small bar, a creche and an all-weather outdoor playing pitch.

Although initially intended for young people it is used by all age groups and is already self-financing. Having seen his dream realised, Mr Barry now runs the centre full-time without pay and is delighted that his village policeman successor uses a room in the building as his office.

☐ *The Weaverham Sport Community Recreation Centre has been shortlisted for the 1994 Community Enterprise Awards, organised by Business in the Community and sponsored by* The Times *and Touche Ross. The winners in the six categories will be announced next month.*

Today's royal engagements

The Princess Royal will open the Higland Cattle Society's highland cattle sale at Oban, at 10.10; will visit the Oban Distillery at 11.35 during its 200th anniversary year; as Patron of the Northern Lighthouse Board, will visit the depot, Gallanach Road, at 12.50; will visit Her Majesty's Coastguard at Boswell House, Argyll Square, at 3.05; and, as President of The Princess Royal Trust for Carers, will attend a fundraising dinner at Turnberry Hotel, Girvan, at 7.45.

The Duchess of Gloucester, as Patron of the National Missing Persons Helpline, will attend a reception to be held at the Imagination Gallery, 25 Store Street, WC1, at 6.30.

The Duchess of Kent, as Patron of Downing College, will open Howard Court, Downing College, Cambridge, at 4.00.

Dinners

Anglo Mauritian Association
Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Association, attended the annual dinner of the Anglo Mauritian Association held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. He was received by Mr Ravi Misra, chairman of the association, and the High Commissioner for Mauritius.

Foundation for Science and Technology
Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Council of the Foundation of Science and Technology, presided at a dinner discussion held last night at the Natural History Museum. Among those present were:

Lord Barber of Tewkesbury, Lord Beloff, Lady Butterworth, Baroness Cumberlege, Lord and Lady Dainton, Baroness David, Lord Gregson, Baroness Nicol, Lord Renwick, Lord Sherfield, Sir Austin Bide and Sir Andrew Huxley, OM.

Order of St John of Beverley
Mr Brian Hanson, Registrar and Legal Adviser to the General Synod of the Church of England, presided at a dinner of the Order of St John of Beverley held last night at the United Oxford and Cambridge Club.

Cardiff Business Club
The President of Cardiff Business Club, Sir Idwal Pugh, and the Deputy Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor J.R. Phillips, were present at a dinner held by the Club at the Royal Hotel, Cardiff last night. The Guest Speaker was Mr David Rowe-Beddoe, Chairman, Welsh Development Agency. Mr Brian K. Thomas, Chairman, Cardiff Business Club, presided.

The Saints and Sinners Club of London
Mr Brian Nicholson, Chairman of the Club and Mr Graham Dowson, Chairman of the evening, presided over the annual "Whitebait Dinner" held last night at the Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich together with members of the Club and their guests. Principal guests included:

Admiral Sir Benjamin Bathurst, Baroness Castle of Blackburn, Lord and Lady Harris of Greenwich, Lord Chapple, Earl and Countess Ferrers, Mr Harry Lewis and Dame Vera Lynn, Lord Parkinson, Sir David Steel, MP, Judge and Mrs Stephen Tumim, and Lord and Lady Wetherill.

Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League
Mr Martin H. Hayman, Group Secretary and Head of Group Legal Services, Standard Chartered, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the Discussion Circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's. Mr Neville Mittelholzer presided.

Conservators reveal secrets of their trade

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THE national museums on Merseyside are planning to open Britain's most ambitious conservation studio, a £7.2 million centre in which the public will be able to watch and talk to conservators restoring works of art.

From next autumn, visitors will be invited behind the scenes into an interactive studio. Cameras will, for example, be positioned to enable the public to look down microscopes and see exactly what the conservationists are looking at. Computer programmes will allow visitors to play conservator and experiment with materials and methods, and cleaning techniques, from solvents to air abrasion, will be demonstrated.

The National Museums and Galleries on Merseyside (NMGM), whose seven institutions together boast one of Britain's finest collections, are creating a conservation centre in a Grade II listed Victorian warehouse in the heart of Liverpool — the former Midland Railway goods offices, which was most recently a car park.

The project, linked closely with curatorial projects at the museums, will be welcomed by those who criticise the over-restoration of works of art in some institutions. Jim France, keeper of conservation, said that through this centre, the NMGM collections can be made more accessible. The studio will be as relaxed as it is informative.

A typical restoration project might be an Egyptian granite sarcophogus of the 19th dynasty, which the NMGM has just restored after two years' work. Mr France said that it was blown to pieces during the Blitz when an incendiary device set fire to the Liverpool Museum. The conservationists have put it together again. Once the conservation studio opens, the public will find out how these artistic jigsaw puzzles are solved.

But the centre is for the benefit of the collections themselves as well as the public. In 1978, it was estimated that it would take 6,000 man years' work to conserve and stabilise the Liverpool Museum's collections alone; and in 1989, it was said that 60 per cent of all NMGM collections (including 1 million archive items, 2,500 pictures and 20,000 ethnographic items) required conservation treatment.

About £1 million of the centre's cost has been raised from the private sector. Some £3.3 million has come from the Department of National Heritage, and £50,000 from the Getty fund. A further £500,000 is needed.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr L.P. Daniel
and Miss R. Serrelli
The engagement is announced between Lorne Piers, son of Mr and Dr Reginald Daniel, of Loughton, Essex, and Roseanne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Giuseppe Serrelli, of Ilford, Essex.

Mr B. Hurst
and Miss E.J. Woosey
The engagement is announced between Brian, son of Mr Bernard Hurst and the late Mrs Edna Hurst, of Chester, Cheshire, and Jane, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Grenville Woosey, of Rainhill, Merseyside.

Mr D.P.J. Thomas
and Miss F.M. Tukham
The engagement is announced between Dominic Peter Jocelyn, son of Mr Timothy Thomas, of Maidens Green, Berkshire, and of Mrs Gerard Dent, of Nantgaredig, Dyfed, and stepson of Mrs Timothy Thomas and Mr Gerard Dent, and Fleur Mary, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Freddie Tukham, of Kingsley Green, West Sussex.

Mr T.J. Kelham
and Miss S.L. Moss
The engagement is announced between Trevor James, son of the late Mr William Kelham and of Mrs Margaret Kelham, of Colwick, Nottingham, and Simone Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Douglas Moss, of Guernsey, CI, and Tequesta, Florida.

Mr H.G.H. Mackenzie
and Miss C.Y. Crichton
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs A.G.B. Mackenzie, of Leatherhead, Surrey, and Chantal, daughter of Wing Commander C.S. Crichton, of Blandford, Dorset, and Mme F. Becher de Balan, of Douzy, France.

Mr P.M. Tripp
and Miss D.E. Chandler
The engagement is announced between Paul, younger son of Mr and Mrs John Tripp, of Barnet, Hertfordshire, and Dani, daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Chandler, of Brookmans Park, Hertfordshire.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Luca Giordano, painter, Naples, 1632; Prince Eugene of Savoy, soldier and statesman, Paris, 1663; Richard (Beau) Nash, master of ceremonies at Bath, Swansea, 1674; Giovanni Antonio Canaletto, painter, Venice, 1697; Pierre Choderlos de Lacios, soldier and writer, author of *Les Liaisons Dangereuses*, Amiens, 1741; Thomas Philips, portrait painter, Dudley, Worcestershire, 1770; Thomas Love Peacock, writer, Weymouth, 1785; Emanuel Shinwell, Lord Shinwell, statesman, London, 1884.

DEATHS: Jacob Jordaens, painter, Antwerp, 1678; Henry John Temple, 3rd Viscount Palmerston, Prime Minister 1855-58 and 1859-65, Brocket Hall, Hertfordshire, 1865; Charles Babbage, inventor of the adding machine, London, 1871; Charles François Gounod, composer, St-Cloud, France, 1893; Thomas Alva Edison, inventor, West Orange, New Jersey, 1931; Frank Woolley, England and Kent cricketer, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1978.

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The Jesus went into the temple and began driving out the traders with these words: "Scripture says "My house shall be a house of prayer," but you have made it a bandit's cave."
St. Luke 19:45,46 (REB)

BIRTHS

AL THANI – On October 13th, at The Wellington Hospital, a beautiful baby daughter, Noor.

BARNES – On October 15th, at the Lindo Wing, to Caragh and Jasper, a daughter, Sophie.

BATTBEK – On October 11th to Lucasse (née Carr) and Daniel, a son, Joel Daniel, a brother for Holly and Mathilde.

BETTS – On 15th October, at Kettering, to Janet (Morrison) and Tom, a daughter, Katherine Alice, a sister for Jack.

BUNNING – On October 11th 1994 at Oxford to Catherine (née Black) and Marcus, a son, Henry Oliver, a brother for Emily.

BLAND – On October 7th, at The Portland Hospital, to Rebecca (née Owen) and Simon, a son, Felix Edwin Owen.

BOYD–MORRITT – On October 7th 1994 to Steven and Jill, a beautiful son, Joseph James.

BULLMAN – On October 13th, at The Portland Hospital, to Stobhidan (née McNicholas) and Timothy, a beautiful son, Jonathan.

CAVANAGH – On 27th September to Suzie and John, a son, John Patrick Tolley, a brother for Sophie and Emma.

COOPER – On October 9th to Louise (née Brown) and Simon, a daughter, Helena Louise Christine, a sister for Miles.

CORRIE – On October 12th 1994, to Laura (née Money-Coutts) and Jamie, a daughter, Lucinda Mary.

GARRISON – On October 11th, at The Portland Hospital, to Kevin and Mary, a beautiful daughter, Kristin Marie.

GOODWIN – At The Portland Hospital, on October 14th at 10.39pm, to Suzy and Mark, a beautiful daughter, Daniella Chloe, 7lb 8ozs.

GRIGG – On October 14th in Barcelona, to Graciella and Alexander, a son, William John Andrew, a brother for Claudia.

HAMILTON – On Thursday 13th October 1994, to Lynn (née Cartwright) and Alan, a daughter, Catriona Stephanie.

HOLLAND – On 27th September to Isobel (née Greenlaw) and Michael, a son, Max, a brother for Holly.

BIRTHS

HYMAN – On October 10th, at The Portland Hospital, to Victoria (née Foster) and John, a daughter, Charlotte Hazel.

McAULIFFE – On October 10th to Charlotte (née Huntington-Whiteley) and Andrew, a daughter, Matilda Kate.

MORRISON – See Betts.

NEVILLE – On Saturday October 15th to Susan and William, a son, a brother for Isabel and John.

SCHRÖDER – On October 14th, at The Portland Hospital, to Ana and Pancho, a new boy, Pancho and a little brother for big boy Jef.

SCOTT – On October 11th, at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to Veronica (née Wilkinson) and Richard, a daughter, Hannah Catherine Mary, a sister for William.

SKELTON – On October 16th, at The Portland Hospital, to Elena and Tig Skelton, a beautiful son, Conor Booth, a brother for Alexander Boone.

SMITH LEGGATT – On 9th October in Brussels, to Penny and Tim, a son, Jack Peter, a brother for Eva.

STICKNEY – On October 15th to Lucy (née Ryrie) and Friedli, a son, Jasper Oliver.

TALBOT – On 12th October, at The Portland Hospital, to Geraldine (née Scher) and Mark, a son. Many thanks to a wonderful team.

DEATHS

ADDY – Brigadier A.J. "John" CBE late Kings Own Royal Regiment and Royal Pioneer Corps. Suddenly at home. Beloved husband of Guy, father of Simon and Jane and grandfather to Ben and Gemma. Funeral service will be held at St. Paul's Catholic Church, Thrapston on Saturday 22nd October at 2 pm followed by interment. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired to St. Paul's Catholic Church, Thrapston c/o Crowsons Funeral Directors, Barnwell, near Oundle, Peterborough PE8 5PS to whom all letters for the family should also be addressed.

BELL – Peacefully on 16th October 1994, Dr. Mary Bell, of Cartmel. Funeral Service at Cartmel Crematorium, on Friday 21st October at 2.15 pm. No flowers please.

BLOXAM – On October 12th 1994, peacefully, Dorothy Rosalie Lindsay of Dorchester-on-Thames. Funeral Service at 2 pm Wednesday 19th October in Dorchester Abbey, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to Dorchester Abbey.

DEATHS

COLLETT – On October 16th 1994, peacefully at home in East Horsley after a brave fight against cancer, Eva (née Blachur) aged 62. Beloved wife of Peter, sister of Gerhard, devoted mother of Martina, Amanda and Alex, mama of George and good friend of so many. Private family cremation on Friday October 21st followed by Requiem Mass at 12 noon at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, Effingham. Flowers or donations if desired to Marie Curie Cancer Care may be sent to L. Hawkins, 2 Highlands Rd. Leatherhead.

COLLIN – Richard Charles, on Friday 7th October, aged 36, in Paris, suddenly of a tragic accident. Much loved son of June and David. A Funeral Service, Friday 21st October, 11.00 am, will be held at St. Mildred's Church, Bingham Road, Addiscombe, Croydon and afterwards to the Shirley Inn, Wickham Road, Shirley. There will be a private service at Croydon Crematorium. Family flowers only please but donations, if wished, to The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council, Copeman House, St Mary's Port, St Mary's Gate, Chesterfield, S41 7TD. He will be much missed by the many who knew him.

COLLIE – On October 13th, at The Grange Nursing Home, Stamford-in-the-Vale, Oxon, Elizabeth Dorothy (née de Parravicini) wife of the late Dr. Carl Collie. Peacefully after a long illness borne with fortitude, aged 88 years. Funeral at Abbotts Ann, on October 22nd at 11.30 am.

CONNETT – On October 14th peacefully at Presbyterian Hythe, Kent, Major William Lindsay Connett M.C. late Welsh Guards. Dearly loved husband of Heather, father of Sarah Jane and Bart and proud grandfather of their children William, Katherine and Michael. Service at Hawkinge Crematorium on Friday October 21st at 1.30 pm.

COOKSON – On October 16th, aged 95, Elizabeth Mary, widow of Harold. Much loved mother of Pauline Trafit, Lisa Young and Tommy Cookson and grandmother of Fiona, Zoë, Duncan, Alexandra, Rosamund, Richard, Bobby, Harriet, Camilla and Elizabeth. Funeral 3.30pm., Friday 21st October at St Peter's Church, Petersfield, Hants.

DEATHS

COWLEY – Peacefully on October 16th 1994, William (Bill) aged 83 years, of Corfe Castle. Dearly loved husband of Catherine, father of Anne and Margaret, and grandfather of David and Mark. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium, on Thursday 20th October 1994, at 1.30pm. Family flowers only please. Donation or enquiries to: James Smith F/D, 60A Kings Road, Swanage, Dorset. Tel: 0929 422448.

CRISP – On October 16th at Priory Paddocks, Dersham, Sennemdham, Suffolk, Nancy, aged 85 years. Much loved wife of Arthur, dearest mother of Elizabeth, Richard and Fiona, also a dear gran to all her grandchildren. Funeral Service at Colchester Crematorium on Thursday October 20th at 12 noon. Family flowers only. If desired, donations made payable to The United Reformed Church, Sennemdham, c/o Tony Brown, The Funeral Parlour, Sennemdham, Suffolk. IP17 1DJ.

DAMSCHEWSKY – Monia peacefully in Farnham on 16th October. Film producer and writer. Enquiries to Farnham Funeral Service. 0252 711444.

DROMGOOLE – On October 14th 1994, aged 104, at the Nelson Hospital, Wimbledon, Cissie. Nicholas Arthur, father of Jolyon, Nicholas and Patrick.

FEARN – On October 14th 1994 peacefully at Westhampnett Nursing Home, Reginald John, aged 91 of Batworth Park, Arundel. Husband of Gracie and father of Tony and the late Veronica. Grandfather of Rebecca, Sarah and Rachel and Nicholas and Alexis. Funeral Service at Worthing crematorium on Monday 24th October at 11.20 am. Family flowers only. Donations to British Heart Foundation or Imperial Cancer Research c/o H.D. Tribe Ltd. 130 Broadwater Road, Worthing, West Sussex. Telephone 0903 234516.

HADLEY – On October 12th John Frederick Thomas Hadley T.D. Much loved husband of Monica and father of Michael and the late John James. Funeral in Lancastre 20th October. Family flowers only. donations if desired for the Leonard Cheshire Homes to be sent to Monica.

DEATHS

HASWELL – Roddy aged 82, suddenly, at Charing Cross Hospital, early on Thursday 13th October 1994. Beloved husband of Gentian, father of John, father-in-law of Nicole and grandfather of Jonathan, Robin and Simon. Funeral Service at St. Columba's, Church, Pont Street SW1, on Wednesday 19th October at 11.30 am and afterwards at Putney Vale Crematorium at 1.00 pm. Flowers to J.H. Kenyon, 83 Westbourne Grove, Bayswater, W2 4UL. 071-229-3810.

HUNTER – On 11th October 1994, peacefully after a very short illness, Gemma Louise, daughter of the late Viscount and Dowager Viscountess Simon, wife of Burnie, mother of Ian and Alan, sister of Jim and grandmother of Fluber. Cremation at the South West Middlesex Crematorium, Hounslow Road, Hanworth, at 11.00am on Thursday 20th October. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to the Octagon Trust, Langholm Lodge, Petersham Road, Richmond, TW10 6UX.

JENKINS – Aubrey Henry Herbert, DFC., FRSA., peacefully after years of illness borne with fortitude. Devoted husband of Mary, loving father of Margaret and Emma and Pops of Edward and Elizabeth. Family flowers only, donations to Stogumber Church. Memorial service at Stogumber Church at 11.am on Saturday 22nd October. All enquiries c/o Wilcoombes Funeral Directors, 0984 632420.

LYNN – On 13th October 1994, Wilfred, aged 89 years, of Godden Green, Sevenoaks. Dearly loved husband of Valerie, father of Venetia and Paul and grandfather of Bella, Cressida, Nancy and Thomas. Private family funeral. No flowers or letters please but donations, if desired, to the Alzheimers Disease Society, Gordon House, 10 Greencoat Place, London SW1.

MAY – On 16th October 1994 aged 80 years A.F. (Tony) May, beloved father of John and Felicity and grandfather of Simon, Mark, Tim, Jon and Lucie. Cremation at Surrey and Sussex Crematorium on Thursday 20th October at 4:15 pm. No flowers. Donations to The British Heart Foundation, c/o Truslove and Son Ltd, Coulsdon CR5 2RB.

DEATHS

METHERELL – Anthony William (Tony) on October 16th 1994, peacefully, at home. Beloved brother, uncle and great-uncle, a generous and loving friend to so many. Funeral on Friday 21st October at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, at 4.15 pm. Family flowers only by his request, but donations, to Sussex Beacon Trust, would have been his wish. Sussex Beacon, Bevendean Road, Brighton, BN2 4DE.

MORGAN–GRENVILLE – On October 15th, at home in West Sussex, after a heroic fight against cancer, Jean, greatly loved by family and friends. Funeral service will take place at All Hallows, Tillington at 12.00 noon on Friday 21st October. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to Marie Curie Cancer Care, c/o W. Snyder & Sons, Gables, Tillington, Petworth, West Sussex.

O'CONNOR – (née Searle) (Dun Laoghaire) October 16th 1994, peacefully at Ardeenhal Lodge Nursing Home, Dorothy. Beloved wife of the late Michael S (Pat) much loved mother of Terence, Tony, Brian and the late Dorothy Ann, sadly missed by her sister Audrey, nieces, daughters-in-law Betty, Constance and Therese, son-in-law Yves, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends. Funeral service tomorrow Wednesday at 10 .am in Christ Church, Dun Laoghaire and afterwards to Glasnevin Crematorium.

PAGE–HITCHIE – Mary, on October 15th 1994, in Sheffield. The widow of Kenneth, mother and grandmother. Family funeral. Donations if wished to Weston Park Hospital Research Fund, Sheffield. John Memorial Service in London to be announced.

PATTULO – Jean, died peacefully, on October 16th 1994. Beloved wife of the late Lt. Col. Douglas Pattullo, and much loved mother of Kenneth, Margaret and Robert. Funeral at Port of Menteith Church, Friday 21st October at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

DEATHS

RAILSTON–BROWN – Clare Faith, aged 32, on Sunday 16th October at home after an illness bravely fought. Beloved daughter of Jean and the late Hugh. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Minchinhampton, Glos., on Friday October 21st at 3:15 pm, followed by burial.

RUSSELL – With dignity and courage at the Glasgow Nuffield Hospital on 16th October 1994 in her eightieth year, Marian West Russell M.B.E., beloved wife of the late Joseph Russell, solicitor, Glasgow, dear sister of David and the late Lois and proud aunt of Fiona, Sarah and Christopher. Service at Hyndland Parish Church, Hyndland Road, Glasgow at 1.30 pm on Wednesday 19th October 1994. Cremation thereafter private. No flowers please at her own request, donations instead to RSSPCC Melville House, 47 Polwarth Terrace, Edinburgh EH11.

TAYLOR – On 14th October, Elaine Taylor (née Warren), aged 54 years. Wife of Brigadier (rtd) John Taylor and mother of Angus, Alasdair, and Louise. No flowers please, but donations if desired, to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Will Case and Partners, 22 Churchfields Road, Salisbury, SP2 7NH. Tel: 0722 414821.

WESTOLL – On 14th October, peacefully in hospital, Guy Lancelot Napier of Glingerbank, Longtown. Funeral at Kirkandrews on Esk, 12:00 noon Thursday 20th October. Family flowers only. Donations if desired, divided between Kirkandrews Church and British Diabetic Association) may be sent to Barclays Bank, Longtown Carlisle.

WESTON – Mollie, on October 14th 1994, peacefully, widow of Major General Pat Weston, much loved mother, grandmother and easy. Service of thanksgiving 21 October, 2.30 pm at Odiham Parish Church. Family flowers only.

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

WALKER – Dear Margaret, you left us 7 years ago today. I think of you so much every day. My love always - Tony.

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OBITUARIES

WING COMMANDER CHARLES McCLURE

Wing Commander Charles McClure, AFC, wartime test pilot, died on September 23 aged 78. He was born on April 20, 1916.



THE almost mythological qualities ascribed to the Spitfire (including the slightly absurd proposition that German pilots would have much preferred it to the products of Willy Messerschmitt) overlook the fact that at the outset of the Battle of Britain both it and the Hurricane had worrying teething troubles. As the scientists at the Royal Aircraft Establishment strove to find ways of remedying these faults it was the job of men like Charles McClure to risk life and limb as they threw the aircraft round the skies above Farnborough to test out the efficacy or otherwise of the modifications that had been made to them.

Though at that time the Me 109's Daimler-Benz DB 601A engine could not match the Spitfire's Rolls-Royce Merlin for sheer power, it had one important advantage. Its revolutionary fuel injection system, based on the work of Rudolf Diesel, was much more efficient than the carburettors of the Merlins. In the violent changes of temperature to which air combat subjects an engine the carburettor was in constant danger either of freezing or catching fire. It also had another potentially lethal fault since when the Spitfire went into a dive the carburettor, subjected to a centrifugal effect, was momentarily starved, causing the engine to miss a beat or two, or even to cut out completely.

RAF pilots had learnt how to half-roll their aircraft before diving, to obviate this problem, but it was a time-wasting manoeuvre, particularly dangerous in combat when split seconds were precious.

In the event Beatrice Shilling, a Farnborough expert on carburation, formulated a disc which counteracted the fuel-starvation tendency and enabled the British fighters to dive as easily as their German counterparts. McClure played a major role in the testing of the new device, enabling it to be in squadron service by the time the Battle of Britain began in earnest. It was just one of the services McClure rendered in the field of wartime aircraft development.

Charles George Buchanan McClure was educated at Winchester and Trinity College, Oxford, where he read modern greats and rowed in Trinity's head of the river crew. He also learnt to fly with the university air squadron.

After leaving Oxford he went to the De Havilland Technical School, gaining there a sound mechanical background which stood him in good stead when he later became a test pilot. At the De Havilland school he was one of a band of aviators who regarded themselves very much as an élite.

At this time he built himself an aircraft called the Flying Flea which was in many ways a precursor of today's Micro-Lights. The Flying Flea was actually considered a somewhat dangerous beast by its pilots, but McClure flew it without mishap. He had already been commissioned into the Reserve of Air Force Officers and in 1938 he joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve. After initial war service as a ferry pilot he was sent as a test pilot to Farnborough.

There, after his work on Spitfires and Hurricanes had come to an end, he was involved in flight testing on Britain's first jet aircraft, the Gloster E28/39, generally known as the Gloster Whittle, since Sir Frank Whittle had designed its power plant. It made its maiden flight on May 15, 1941, from Cranwell and McClure was involved in many of its proving flights thereafter.

McClure was awarded the AFC for his wartime work at Farnborough and after a brief posting to the Empire Test Pilots School in 1945 was back there as chief test pilot and Wing Commander Flying. After leaving the Air Force he went to the Ministry of Civil Aviation in 1946, but found little affinity with the ethos of the Civil Service and left in 1947 to take up a post on the staff of Cranfield College of Aeronautics (now Cranfield University), which had been established in the previous year.

There he set up a department of flight and initiated a programme of research and testing for outside firms which produced valuable income for Cranfield. With some of this money he bought three early Jetstream aircraft (a design with engines from Turboméca which had to that point made little impact on the civil aviation world). Seeing the potential of the Jetstream, McClure persuaded Turboméca to improve its service to customers and the reliability of its engines. He always claimed that without this friendly persuasion the Jetstream would never have been taken up by Scottish Aviation and become the export success it now is. McClure sold one of the Jetstreams for twice the price he had originally paid for all three, and the other two are still in the service of the university.

In 1973 he was appointed Professor of Flight at Cranfield, retiring in 1978. He continued to fly recreationally, however, and also enjoyed cabinet-making.

He is survived by his wife Gay, a son and a daughter.

PROFESSOR JAMES RENWICK

James Renwick, Professor of Human Genetics and Teratology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, 1979-91, died of adenocarcinoma of the lung on September 29 aged 68. He was born on February 4, 1926.



JIM RENWICK was well-known to the international community of geneticists for numerous pieces of pioneering research. Unusually for one in his specialist profession, he also briefly reached a much wider audience in the early 1970s, when he published a paper linking spina bifida to the consumption of blighted potatoes. His findings, which were hotly disputed, still however had a profound effect on medical thinking and research.

James Harrison Renwick was born in Otley, Yorkshire, and won a scholarship to Sedburgh, and then a scholarship to study medicine at the University of St Andrews. He was fascinated by human genetics as a young man and to this end went to work for the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission in Hiroshima in 1951. On his return to Britain he worked at the Galton Laboratory in London, later moving to Glasgow where he was appointed Professor of Human Genetics, finally moving to the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in 1968.

With the help of the mathematician Cedric Smith, Renwick developed some novel methods to measure the extent to which different genes were linked together on a chromosome. To do this, he studied a rare medical disorder, the nail-patella syndrome, which causes absence of the kneecap and underdevelopment of the fingernails.

He chose this condition because it is easy to diagnose, is passed from parent to child without skipping a generation, and because it can be readily studied through several generations. In 1955 he demonstrated linkage between the gene for this condition and the ABO blood group, one of the first examples of human gene linkage to be discovered.

Renwick's methods led to the discovery of many other examples of genetic linkage, and this work helped to form the foundations of the current human genome project, which aims to identify all human genes and gene mutations. Renwick's work was later assisted by Victor McKusick in Baltimore, who provided the facilities and support for Renwick to develop the first mainframe computer programmes for linkage studies. Renwick was one of the few people to realise that this apparently obscure subject would have a profound impact on future medical and biological research.

While Renwick was a medical student, the first baby that he had delivered had anencephaly, a hideous malformation in which the brain and upper part of the head are absent. This condition has similar causes to spina bifida, and it was this experience that led to Renwick's second career, in teratology, the study of the causes of congenital malformations.

In 1972 Renwick discovered close correlations between variations in births of children with spina bifida and anencephaly and the geographical, seasonal and annual variations in the incidence of potato blight. Potato blight is a fungal infection of the potato tuber, in which the uninfected part of the potato produces a variety of anti-fungal chemical substances.

Renwick's hypothesis, which suddenly explained an array of apparently unconnected observations about the epidemiology of spina bifida and anencephaly, was that one of these anti-fungal substances when taken by a susceptible mother in early pregnancy would interfere with the normal development of the embryo.

Public anxiety about the consumption of blighted potatoes was followed by a rapid improvement in the quality of British potatoes, and an ill-informed ministerial statement that anxious mothers-to-be would be well advised to cut out and discard unhealthy looking parts of a potato — thereby completely missing the point of Renwick's hypothesis, namely that the danger lay in the healthy part of the vegetable.

Subsequently it was shown that preconceptional vitamin supplements helped to prevent spina bifida and anencephaly, but that the relevance of potato blight to these malformations remains unknown. Previously, most research into the causes of congenital malformations had focused on the way the embryo developed, the way this might be affected by drugs, and the influence of genetic factors. However Renwick's work resulted in an appreciation of the huge potential importance of environmental (and therefore avoidable) factors as possible causes of birth defects.

An aggressive determination to study a problem in depth, meticulous attention to detail, scrupulous accuracy and honesty, great generosity to colleagues and students and impatience with shoddy work and those who did not adhere to his high standards were Renwick's hallmarks. He became convinced that England had little future, and after retirement in 1991 he moved to Brussels, but when he became ill he returned to London.

He is survived by his second wife Kate, and by four children.

THOMAS NKOBI

Thomas Nkobi, the African National Congress Treasurer-General from 1973, died on September 18 aged 71. He was born on October 2, 1922.



IN A life dedicated to the struggle against apartheid, Thomas Nkobi travelled the world to solicit funds for the African National Congress. Controlling the purse-strings of the liberation movement for more than 20 years, he was an instrumental figure in building up the organisation into a governing force.

Born in Southern Zimbabwe (then Rhodesia), one of four children, Thomas Titus Nkobi moved to South Africa at the age of ten. His father had walked to the gold mines around Johannesburg to find work and after a few years saved enough money to begin trading in the city's Alexandra township where he subsequently established a fleet of taxis.

It was after leaving Adams College in Natal — where he was a peer of the Zimbabwean Vice-President Joshua Nkomo — that Thomas Nkobi became interested in politics during the first bus boycott in Alexandra in 1944.

He joined the ANC Youth League and in 1949 attended its Bloemfontein Congress. He was closely involved in the defiance campaign in 1952 and participated in branch meetings in Alexandra.

In 1957 Nkobi became chairman of the Alexandra Bus Boycott Committee and in the same year came to prominence when he was arrested at Johannesburg City Hall after the launch of the potato boycott. Dressed in a potato sack and sporting a string of potatoes around his neck he continued to organise the boycott in the police cells while the authorities intimidated him by serving up mashed potato.

Nkobi refused to eat the food and was acquitted after being defended by Nelson Mandela.

For Nkobi there was to be no turning back. He gave up his job as a laboratory assistant to become national organising secretary of the ANC, a post he filled until he fled South Africa in 1963. This followed the 1960 state of emergency during which he was detained for five months with Alfred Nzo, now Foreign Minister. In 1961 he was served with banning orders which were extended to 24-hour house arrest the following year.

After fleeing the country he moved briefly to Tanzania before settling in the Zambian capital, Lusaka. In 1973 he succeeded Moses Kotane as Treasurer-General of the ANC, a position he held until his death. While in exile he earned a reputation as a dedicated "soldier of human rights" who went to great lengths to assist his comrades.

He was a man of many talents. Besides excelling in his studies at university in Lesotho he was also a fine drummer. In the Fifties he played in the Varsity Band which later became known as the Boots Band. "The challenge lies in doing what you think you cannot," he once said.

The strain of funding the ANC to fight April's multi-racial elections may have contributed to his death, following a stroke seven weeks ago, after which he lapsed into a coma. He leaves a widow and five children.

DAVID PROTHEROUGH

David Protherough, rugby union player for Moseley and Gloucestershire, and rugby administrator of Cheltenham Rugby Club, was killed in a road accident on October 14 aged 53. He was born in Tewkesbury on January 17, 1941.



DAVID PROTHEROUGH was a typical example of the proficient front-row forwards which English rugby produced in such numbers during the 1960s and 1970s. He played hooker for Moseley, the apogee of his playing career, during the 1970s and gained a reputation as an abrasive, no-nonsense player who was generally respected on the club circuit.

As is often the case with well-organised players who do not win representative honours, he subsequently became a respected coach with both his former clubs at Moseley and Cheltenham. He also coached Gloucestershire (for whom he played in the county championship) and was a senior staff coach for the Rugby Football Union (RFU), for whom he undertook visits to Kenya and Japan.

Protherough was educated at Cheltenham Grammar School and Cambridge University, though he did not win a Blue. He became a biology teacher at Chosen Hill School, Churchdown, and combined schoolwork with raising sheep and cattle on his smallholding at Bishampton near Evesham.

He captained Cheltenham, the club where he began his senior career, and moved to Moseley in 1972 just after the club had taken part in the first knockout final organised by the RFU. The Midland club was one of the best in the country during the 1970s, producing several internationals — among them Martin Cooper, Jan Webster, Barrie Corless and Nigel Horton — and a particularly competitive pack.

He returned to coach the club in 1984 and remained until 1989, when he moved to Berry Hill, the progressive Gloucestershire club. He took early retirement from teaching and joined Worcester as their salaried rugby administrator for two years. He then returned to his roots with a similar position at Cheltenham, where he was in his second season.

He was only two miles from his home last Friday when he was struck by a vehicle on a foggy night. He leaves his second wife, Michelle, and eight children.

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OBITUARY.

MRS. JULIA WARD HOWE.

(From Our Correspondent.)
New York, Oct. 17.

MEMOIR.

Three days after the birth of Queen Victoria, in Kensington Palace, another little girl was born, in New York City, who achieved a position in her native land which almost entitled her to be called "the uncrowned Queen of the United States." Julia Ward was born on May 27, 1819. No one is more sensitive than the native-born American Republican to the inappreciable air line, as Hawthorne calls it, which separates class from class; and Julia Ward enjoyed every advantage which gentle birth and inherited culture could give her. Her father, Samuel Ward, was grandson of the Governor of the Rhode Island when America was a colony of Great Britain, and her mother was of Knickerbocker and Huguenot extraction.

Her first volume of poems, "Passion Flowers," was not published, however, till 1853; other volumes in prose and verse followed. The book best known in this country is "The Life of Margaret Fuller Ossoli"; but her fame rests chiefly on "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," written for the Northern armies in 1864 during the crisis of the American Civil war. It is emphatically a hymn, full of the fervour of religious enthusiasm. On its appearance it immediately became the national anthem of the North. We quote the first stanza of this historic poem:-

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored:
He hath loosed the fateful lightnings of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

"The Battle Hymn of the Republic" never lost its hold on the American people, and when the Spanish-American War broke out it was heard once again on all sides. On the occasion, in May, 1909, of Mrs. Howe completing her 90th year, she received from one of the American Universities the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature. The distinction was expressly associated with the authorship of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic."

Julia Ward's marriage to Dr. Samuel Howe took place in 1843. The good fortune which so continually smiled upon her did not forsake her in the most momentous event of every woman's life. Dr. Howe was in every respect worthy of the wife he had won. He has been described as one of "the most romantic figures" in the United States.

Her marriage only served to deepen her interest in social reform. At a time when to oppose slavery in the United States was to expose oneself to moral and even physical persecution she boldly joined the Anti-Slavery Society and edited jointly with her husband an anti-slavery journal called *The Commonwealth*.

In 1860 she co-operated with Thomas Wentworth Higginson and Lucy Stone in founding the American Woman Suffrage Association, and became the president of the New England Women Suffragists, an office which she retained till her death.

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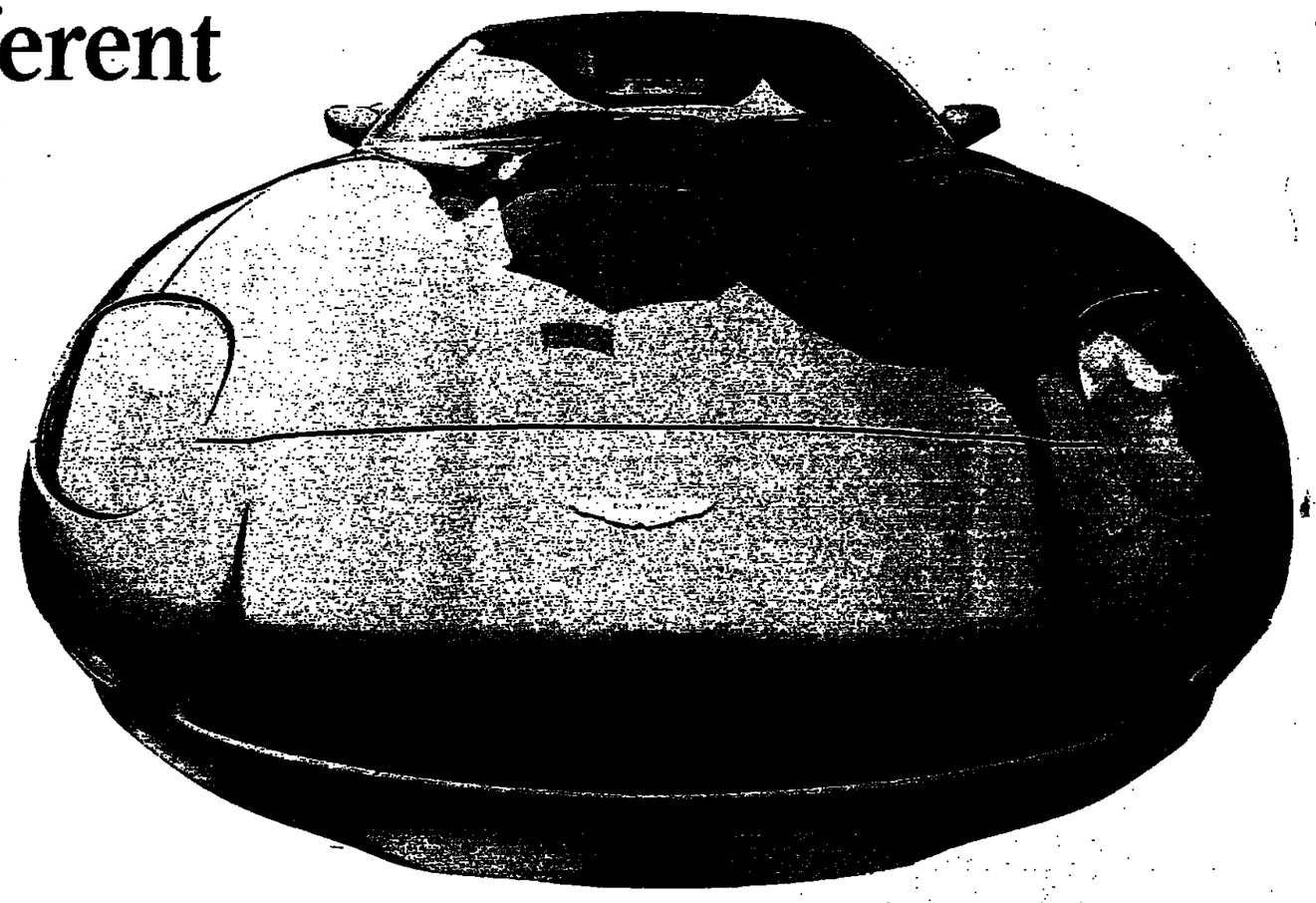
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Julia Ward Howe is best known as the author of The Battle Hymn of the Republic, *but she was also deeply interested in women's suffrage and was among the first to speak up against slavery in the United States.*

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Visitors to the British International Motor Show would be well advised to give their glasses a good wipe before entering Birmingham's National Exhibition Centre because a £150-million feast is in store for the eyes.

Time was when you could have saved your money and sat in the car park. The lines of boring hatchbacks were little different from the show cars inside the NEC. Boring was the only description for the offerings from Japan and Europe: dozens of cars from the same mould and not an original shape in sight.

It was as though the motor industry was reflecting the age in which the flamboyance of a John McEnroe gave way to the relentless efficiency of Michael Stich, when the joy of Bobby Charlton's Manchester United became the production line tactics of Arsenal.

Fear was the driving force in most design studios and the reasoning among executives was that they did not need anything radical: why upset the customers with funny shapes when everyone was happy? While sales were buoyant during the 1980s, no carmaker needed to be outrageously different to be sure of making money, and abandoning the familiar old look would just have courted trouble.

Perhaps the recession left at least one useful legacy because when customer numbers dwindled, the industry suddenly discovered that it was the eye-catching cars that did well in the showrooms.

Since all cars now are reliable, they have to be different in style from the car in the next row or nobody will notice them. Pencils were consequently sharpened and the lights turned up in every design studio in Europe. The result is that the Birmingham show abounds with curvaceous shapes, outrageous angles and owlish headlamps.

The legacy of the old moulds remains in some of the older cars, but their successors promise the dawning of an age when cars can become as individual as their owners.

Look at the sleek, fluted bonnet of the new Jaguar XJs and the "cheeky chappie" grinning grille and headlamps of Ford's new Scorpio range and there is confirmation that all is change in the motor industry.

For once, the carmakers are not apologising for daring to be different. In fact, they are positively glowing with pride. Ian McAllister, chairman of Ford of Britain, says: "People want something that stands out from the crowd, something that they identify with and enjoy looking at.

"Cars these days are all reliable and perform well but styling can still be individual and show the personality of a manufacturer. We are seeing that returning now."

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT), organising its seventieth British motor show, must be breathing a sigh of relief that the show cars promise the sort of glamour and excitement that has been sadly missing for the past decade.

Visitors in the past have been confronted by a stern procession of metal, hundreds of yards of cars, some protected by barriers to keep away inquisitive fingers.

But the SMMT is this year striving to make the NEC show more "user-friendly". The theme is "For the family — for the future" and the idea is to make the motor industry accessible even to people who have no desire whatsoever to buy a new car.

The centrepiece is a "travelator" carousel, which will take visitors on a ride through the history of transport, from man's first attempt to make a wheel through to the latest in motoring technology. There is also a new shopping hall where souvenirs are on sale.

At the business end of the show, however, there are 200 exhibitors spending an estimated £150 million to show off their latest products under a series of high-technology, neon-lit pavilions.

There are 30 all-new models to see, including Jaguars, the Range Rover and Aston Martin DB7, a concept sports car from Mercedes-Benz and a car of the future from Renault.

But there is one model which was a startling original and remains unique in the motoring world — the Mini. Rover's venerable Mini was first launched at the British International Motor Show in August 1959 — and kept coming back. This will be its thirty-sixth British motor show and there is no sign of its disappearing at least until the end of the century.

Designed by Sir Alec Issigonis, there was nothing like the Mini when it was unveiled for the first time and there is still nothing to match it for sheer force of imagination and ingenuity.

But at least the gleaming new models surrounding the Mini at the NEC are running in the right direction. At last, the motor industry is not only showing off the substance of its technological capabilities but has brought back the missing ingredient . . . style.

WHEN TO GO

OPENING TIMES:
Friday: preview day, admission £15 and £7.50 for children and pensioners, 9am to 7pm. October 22-30: admission £8 and £4, opening 9.30am to 7pm and 9.30am to 5.30pm on the last day.

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Want the car? Dream on

WHEN BOYS grow up, their toys just get more expensive — but offering £11 million for a 6ft-long model car that doesn't move must be considered extravagant by any standard.

Yet such is the excitement which concept cars can generate that when Aston Martin showed a model of the Lagonda Vignale at the 1993 Geneva Motor Show, Nick Fry, managing director of Aston Martin, spent most of the following summer taking calls from a Paris jeweller set on buying the model — and the first production car.

"The gentleman seemed determined to have the model and the rights to the first road-going car we built," he says. "By the end of the summer his offer was up to £11 million." Mr Fry found the resolve to turn down the bid and stick to the company's policy of never selling concepts.

The Lagonda Vignale model was the first inkling of what a Lagonda for the 21st century might look like. The acclaim it drew persuaded Aston Martin's parent company, Ford, to back the project. Now it is being tested at the Ghia design studios in Italy, powered by a 12-cylinder Ford engine. If Aston Martin can convince Ford that the Lagonda Vignale can be a money-making car, it could be on the road within four years.

Concept cars are the lifeblood of the motor industry. True, for every dozen weird and bizarre ideas only one might make it — heavily toned-down — to the showroom. Meanwhile, they excite would-be buyers, generate huge publicity in the motoring press and allow designers and stylists free rein to imaginations usually constrained by ensuring their cars are cheap to build.

Patrick le Quement, design director at Renault, describes concept cars as a "suggestion box on wheels". Charles Pelly, the president of BMW's American design house, says: "Man is curious and concept cars allow manufacturers to tweak that curiosity and to gauge where the company and consumers may want to be in the future."

There is more to it. The Vauxhall Tigra 2 plus 2 coupé is in production and on sale next month only a year after first being exhibited as a concept. And Ford has just announced that its Ka microcar, a concept only seven months ago, will be in production within three years at the rate of 250,000 a year.

How do cars make it from model to reality? Ian McAllister, Ford UK's chairman, says: "It has taken from March to decide whether or not we were going to build the Ka, running our viability programme. In other words, we have the idea for the car and how it will look, but from there we have to decide how we will produce it in the most economical way.

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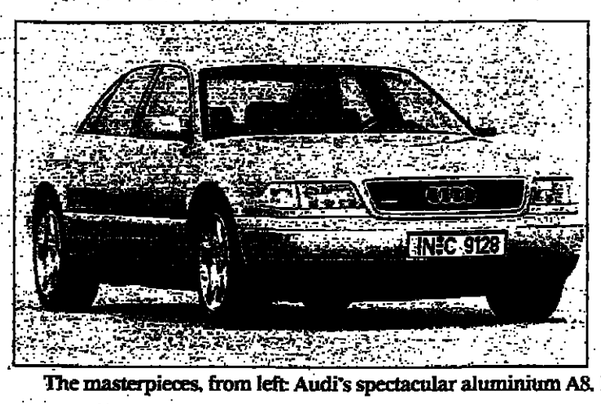
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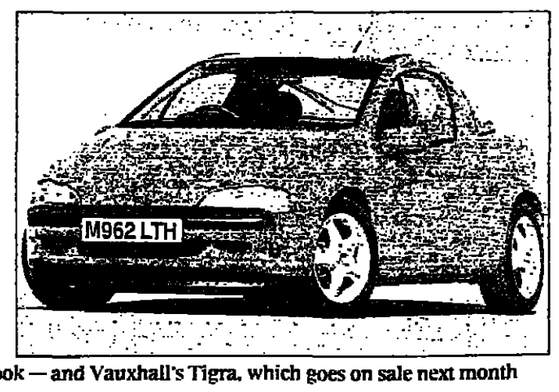
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Look, great designers at work







The masterpieces, from left: Audi's spectacular aluminium A8, Ford's controversial Scorpio — well worth a look — and Vauxhall's Tigra, which goes on sale next month

To see all the cars on view, you should get a plan of the stands and devise a route through the five halls grouped around the central piazza behind the main entrance.

A methodical approach is needed to locate the new cars. On the left of the entrance, Hall 1 accommodates Vauxhall, Alfa Romeo, Maserati, AC, Hyundai, Aston Martin, Lotus, Seat and Lexus-Toyota.

Alfa Romeo is essential viewing. The GTV coupé and Spider — stars of the Paris Salon two weeks ago — were jointly styled by Pininfarina and Alfa's own designers. The execution is exquisite and the effect startling. It will use Alfa's new-generation twin-spark four-cylinder or 12-valve V6 and prices will start at £17,000 for the GTV Coupé when it comes here late in 1995, with the coupé £4,000 dearer.

The Vauxhall Tigra, on sale next month, was previewed as a prototype at the Frankfurt motor show last year. There will be two models, a 1.4i and 1.6i based on the worthy but rather dull Corsa. Prices are competitive at £10,995 to £12,995 but the ride is turbulent and there is not much room in the back. Like the Alfa, it is a styling success with a distinctive appearance.

Among Rover, Land Rover, Volvo, Reliant and Ginetta in Hall 2, the celebrity has to be the new Range Rover, plainly styled, more luxurious than ever, a technical masterpiece, but far removed from the agricultural implement of 1970. It now runs on air springs and its anti-lock brakes can be used to descend muddy inclines, a significant technical achievement. Prices start at £31,950 and a splendid BMW diesel is an alternative to the lusty petrol V8s.

Straight ahead at the end of the Piazza, in Hall 3 and 3A are some heavyweight introductions. Audi, Saab, Suzuki, Rolls-Royce, Peugeot, Porsche, Chrysler, Subaru, Jaguar and Mazda, occupy the middle ground, with Caterham, Marcos, Morgan, Ssangyong and Isuzu ranged along the back wall in the cheaper booths. See Jaguar for the new XJ-series, Audi for the spectacular aluminium A8, Chrysler for the new Neon, and Caterham for its brave new coupé.

The Jaguar XJ has been well received. It has superb handling, silken performance and sumptuous interiors, but the luxury market is not easy, and there are so many good cars undercutting Jaguar's cheapest £28,950 that only the best will do.

Audi, under Ferdinand Piëch, has produced one of the outstanding cars of the 1990s, the aluminium-framed A8, appearing at the NEC for the first time with right-hand drive. Against steel-bodied cars it is 40 per cent lighter and has the option of 2.8 or 4.2 litre engines. Prices start at £34,499.

Rolls-Royce is showing the new turbocharged Flying Spur, the fastest Rolls-Royce ever, together with the Bentley Turbo S at prices not far short of £150,000. Saab has put GM's V6 engine in the 9000 where it seems a better fit than it does in the new 900 introduced two years ago. Porsche has a new 911 Carrera 4 — billed as the intelligent four-wheel drive Carrera — and the first fingertip-control Tiptronic transmission Peugeot, a saloon version of the family 306 beside its Ion electric concept car.

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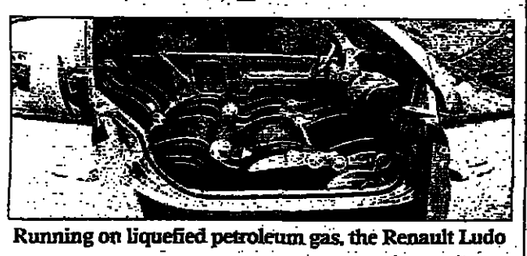
Hall 4 houses — clockwise about the piazza — Citroën, BMW, Daihatsu, FSO, Skoda, Proton, Honda and Ford. Among the significant newcomers is the BMW Compact, a new entry-level 3-series at £13,350 with all the customary BMW features including a three-year warranty. Two models will be available, a 316i and 318i, and a diesel is still to come. The first three months' allocation is sold out. Ford's controversial Scorpio is well worth a look to confirm that it looks a good deal better in the metal than its early photographs suggested. Honda shows its five-door Civic, marking an aggressive new marketing policy after its split with Rover.

Citroën's leadership in ride and handling can only be confirmed by a test drive in the Activa-equipped Xantia, but the Xanae concept car will demonstrate that there could be a new generation of saloons somewhere between the large multi-purpose vehicle (MPV) and the conventional four-seater. The Xanae is a pillarless design with swivelling seats.

Hall 5 has Volkswagen, Mercedes-Benz, Lada, Renault, Fiat, Nissan, Kia, Daewoo, TVR and Mitsubishi. The Nissan QX is a flagship executive saloon with a choice of 24-valve 2.0 litre or 3.0 litre V-6 engines producing up to 193 bhp.

Nissan expects improved ride and handling with new multi-link beam rear suspension. More significant is the car's link to the Nissan Cefiro, unveiled in Japan this summer, and the Infiniti I-30 designed under the same factory code-name as part of a programme to enhance its executive models. QX has a Jaguar cut to its roofline, and the interior is furnished with wood-grain inserts in the fascia and door casings. There are fluid-filled engine mountings with electronic controls to damp out noise and vibration.

Adding fuel to the equation



Running on liquefied petroleum gas, the Renault Ludo

Cars of the future will be smaller, lighter and use more aluminium and plastic composites to maximise economy, safety and interior space.

Yet, despite the vast amounts being spent on developing more environmentally friendly alternatives to petrol and diesel engines, the toy-sized cars of 2015 will almost certainly be powered by very close relatives of the internal combustion engine.

For the past decade, manufacturers have pinned their hopes on battery vehicles which offer exhaust-free motoring. However, the scores of lifeless electric toys which litter the nation's living rooms a week after Christmas point to one great weakness in the idea. That has not stopped manufacturers spending millions of dollars, francs or yen trying to produce battery-powered cars which pair zero-exhaust emissions with speed and a working range in excess of 200 miles.

California is demanding that manufacturers have zero-emission cars on sale by 1998. Carmakers which fail will be banned from selling cars to a Californian market that thieves one million new car sales annually.

This is why PSA Peugeot and Citroën have a fleet of battery-powered cars in La Rochelle, France, which "top up" at recharging stations, and why in America Ford battery vehicles are on trial in New York and California.

At Birmingham will be Peugeot's Ion — all 3.3 metres of it — powered by a 20Kw (27bhp) electric motor which runs off nickel-cadmium batteries. However, Peugeot cannot hide the fact that the car — which takes four passengers — has a working range of only 93 miles.

A report from the Economist Intelligence Unit, published earlier this month, forecasts: "By 2015, most cars will still be using the piston engine, albeit in more highly developed versions, and other fuels are likely to remain a minority interest."

If battery power has a doubtful future, what of other possibilities? BMW is developing a hydrogen-powered car, a fuel that is available in limitless quantities and is clean-burning, but even BMW concedes that you will need a 140-litre tank of hydrogen to match the energy content of a 40-litre tank of petrol.

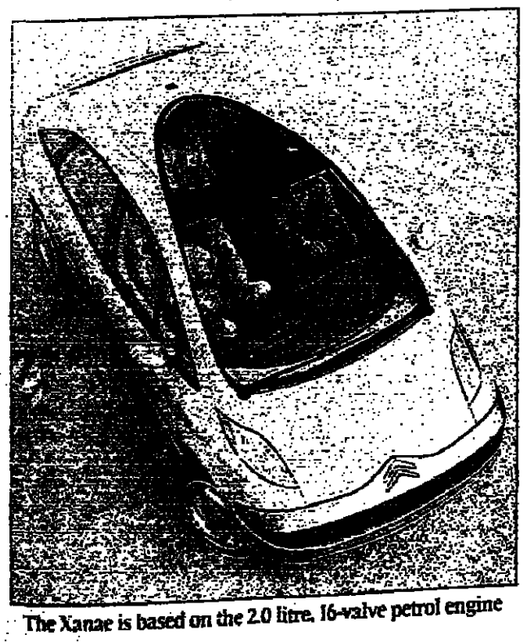
For Renault, one possible solution is liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), a by-product of petrol production, and in use now as a heating fuel in the UK. The Renault Ludo concept car runs on LPG, which Renault says emits significantly less global-warming gases than petrol — less carbon monoxide, less hydrocarbon and nitric oxides. Crucially, with its lightweight body, the Ludo has a top speed (90mph) and range (250 miles) on a tank of LPG that a battery car can only dream of.

Further ahead, cars are increasingly likely to look like the Citroën Xanae, also on show at Birmingham, which is based on the two-litre, 16-valve petrol engine, automatic transmission and advanced no-roll suspension of the Citroën Xantia saloon, which marries startling looks with these conventional innards.

The Xanae's extravagant pillarless body makes for an interior roomy enough for five in comfort. Much smaller cars are coming, too. The Ford Ka will be 10ft long, while Swatch plans to build a car of about 8ft in length in conjunction with Mercedes-Benz, using a body of recycled plastic and a one-litre engine.

Traditional technology is fighting back. Figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders show that new cars are 25 per cent more fuel-efficient than 20 years ago, and a further 10 per cent improvement is the industry target by the year 2010.

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The Xanae is based on the 2.0 litre, 16-valve petrol engine



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The Russian leader greeted the first reigning British monarch to tread Russian soil in the magnificence of St George's Hall in the Kremlin, a chamber far grander than anything Buckingham Palace can offer. The Queen looked decidedly pleased to be there ..... Page 1

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■ John Major issued a passionate defence of the royal family as he came under growing pressure from within the Conservative Party to advise the Queen that the Prince and Princess of Wales should divorce ..... Page 1

Royal 'divorce' plan

The Prince and Princess of Wales will divorce next year and the Queen will decide custody of their sons, according to extracts published in France that are allegedly taken from a new book by Andrew Morton ..... Page 1

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A former Gordonstoun schoolboy by a fellow A-level student to murder a complete stranger for "the ultimate dare", the Old Bailey was told ..... Page 3

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A record number of women have been nominated for this year's shadow Cabinet elections which appear likely to trigger a big shake-up in Tony Blair's team ..... Page 9

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A leading Russian investigative journalist was killed when a suitcase he had been given exploded in the office of his Moscow newspaper ..... Page 11

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Helmut Kohl, the German Chancellor, rejected suggestions that his coalition's ten-seat majority would lead to lengthy political instability. "A majority is a majority," he said ..... Page 12

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■ The Diocese of Salisbury is attempting to tackle its shortage of clergy by asking each parish without a vicar to nominate a lay person for ordination. The scheme, announced yesterday by the Bishop of Salisbury, the Right Rev David Stancliffe, could lead to the ordination of 200 extra vicars. All would be non-stipendiary, part-time posts ..... Page 6



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Medical students demonstrating in Parliament Square yesterday against the proposed closure of St Bartholomew's Hospital

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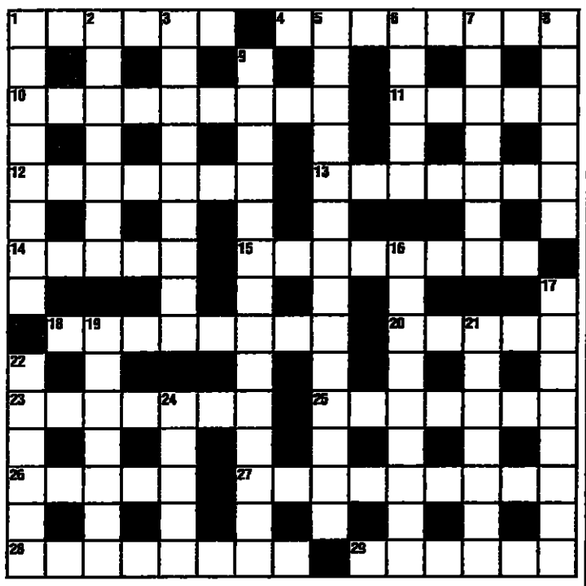
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Sunday: Highest day temp: Satcombe, Devon, 18C (64F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 05C (41F); highest rainfall: Leeming, North Yorkshire, 0.06in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Outer Hebrides, 9hr.

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UK OUTLOOK

General: Scotland will be mostly dry, although rather cloudy with some patchy rain in the west which will become more persistent later. Northern Ireland, although starting mostly dry and quite bright, will become increasingly cloudy with rain at times. For most of the day England and Wales will be dry and quite bright with sunny spells in the south. Later on, cloud will spread into the west with outbreaks of rain by midnight.

London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Channel Isles, Central N, NE England: dry with bright or sunny spells. Wind east to southeast moderate to fresh, locally strong later. Max temp 13C (55F).

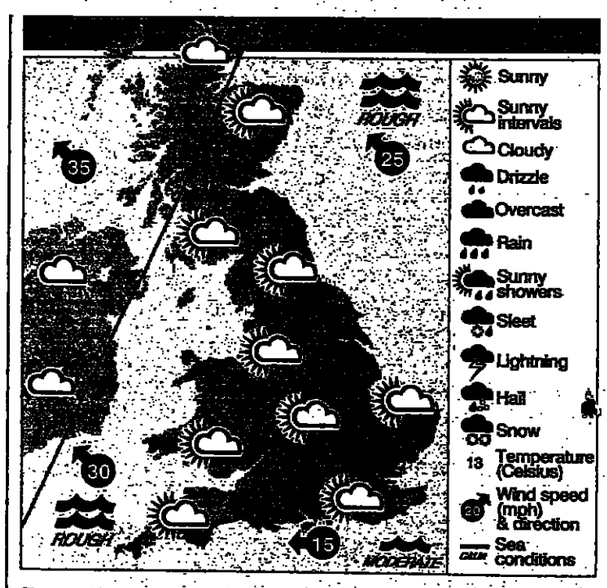
SW England, S Wales, N Wales, Isle of Man: mostly dry and bright becoming cloudy later with some rain in places by midnight. Wind southeast fresh to strong becoming strong to gale. Max temp 14C (57F).

NW England, Lake District, Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen, SW Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney: mostly dry but rather cloudy. Wind southeast fresh to strong becoming strong to gale later. Max temp 12C (54F).

Argyll, NW Scotland, Northern Ireland: cloudy with patchy light rain or drizzle at first, more persistent rain later. Wind southeast strong becoming strong to gale. Max temp 12C (54F).

Shetland: cloudy with patchy light rain at first. Wind southeast fresh to strong. Max temp 9C (48F).

Outlook: cloudy with rain; brighter with showers later.



Changes to the chart below from noon: low F will move northeast and deepen; low X will move north and maintain central pressure; high H will be slow moving.



24 hrs to 6 pm: t=thunder; d=drizzle; da=dust storm; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain; h=hail; du=dull; g=gale; sh=shower; b=bright

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	1.5	-	8	46	c	Littlehmpton	0.8	-	16	61	c
Anglesey	6.1	-	15	59	s	Liverpool	-	-	10	50	c
Aspatria	0.1	0.02	10	50	r	London	-	-	13	55	c
Ardamore	9	-	48	6	c	Lowestoft	0.3	0.01	12	54	c
Belfast	-	-	10	50	du	Manchester	X				
Birmingham	0.3	-	11	52	c	Margate	X				
Bognor R	1.7	-	17	63	c	Minehead	-	-	13	55	c
Bournem'th	3.1	-	17	63	b	Morecambe	-	-	10	50	du
Bristol	-	-	12	54	du	Newcastle	-	-	9	48	c
Buxton	-	-	7	45	c	Newquay	-	-	17	63	c
Cardiff	-	-	12	54	c	Norwich	X				
Clacton	0.1	0.03	13	55	d	Nottingham	0.3	0.02	10	50	c
Cleethorpes	X					Oxford	X				
Colwyn Bay	-	-	13	55	c	Penzance	-	-	15	59	c
Cromer	0.2	-	11	52	c	Plymouth	5.9	-	15	59	s
Doncaster	-	0.02	9	48	du	Poole	3.9	-	17	63	b
Dunbar	X					Prestatyn	X	-	12	54	c
Eastbourne	0.2	-	15	59	c	Rose-o-wye	-	-	11	52	c
Edinburgh	1.0	-	10	50	c	Ryde	X				
Eskdalemuir	-	-	7	45	c	Salcombe	1.1	-	18	64	c
Exmouth	0.4	-	16	61	du	Sandown	1.7	-	16	61	c
Falmouth	X	-	15	59	c	Saunin Snd	6.4	-	17	63	s
Fishguard	X					Scarboro'	1.7	0.05	9	48	b
Folkestone	X					Scilly Isles	-	-	14	57	fg
Glasgow	0.1	-	10	50	c	Shanklin	X				
Guernsey	-	-	17	63	c	Shrewsbury	0.1	-	11	52	c
Hastings	0.2	-	15	59	c	Southport	X				
Hayling I	X					Southsea	1.8	-	17	63	c
Herne Bay	-	0.01	13	55	d	Stornoway	9.0	-	8	46	s
Hove	0.7	-	16	61	c	Teignmouth	0.2	-	15	59	c
Hunstanton	X					Tenby	0.4	-	15	59	c
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	2.0	-	11	52	b
Isle of Man	-	-	11	52	c	Torquay	-	-	16	61	c
Jersey	-	-	18	61	c	Tynemouth	0.2	-	9	48	c
Kinloss	3.4	0.01	8	46	s	Ventnor	2.8	-	16	61	b
Leeds	X					West-s-mare	X				
Lerwick	X					Weymouth	3.5	-	17	63	b
Leuchars	-	0.01	8	46	sh						

Those are Sunday's figures

Ajaccio	23	73	s	C'phagn	5	41	f	Madrid	19	66	s	Riyadh	35	95	s
Alicante	25	77	s	Corfu	20	68	f	Majorca	18	64	r	Rome	21	70	s
Alex'dria	26	79	f	Dublin	11	52	c	Malaga	26	79	s	Salzburg	7	45	r
Algiers	21	70	f	Dubrovnik	23	73	s	Malta	24	75	f	S P'laco	17	63	s
Amst'dm	10	50	f	Faro	22	72	f	Melb'rne	15	59	c	Santiago	14	57	c
Athens	24	75	s	Florence	19	66	s	Mexico C	21	70	c	S Paulo	32	90	c
Bahrain	31	88	f	Frankfurt	9	48	s	Miami	28	82	f	Seoul	21	70	s
Bangkok	33	91	f	Funchal	24	75	f	Milan	18	64	s	Sing'por	28	73	t
Barbados	30	86	f	Geneva	15	59	c	Montreal	13	55	s	St'kholm	5	41	f
Barcelona	20	68	f	Gibraltar	22	72	f	Moscow	1	34	f	Strasb'rg	10	50	c
Beirut	24	75	f	Helsinki	3	37	c	Munich	7	45	f	Sydney	32	90	s
Belgrade	9	48	c	Hong K	32	90	s	Nairobi	27	81	f	Tel Aviv	28	88	r
Berlin	8	46	s	Innsbrck	13	55	s	Naples	22	72	s	Tenerife	26	79	s
Bermuda	20	68	r	Istanbul	19	66	f	N Delhi	28	82	s	Tokyo	23	73	c
Biarritz	18	64	f	Jeddah	33	91	s	N York	17	63	s	Toronto	14	57	s
Borde'x	18	64	s	Jo'burg	18	64	s	Nice	21	70	s	Tunis	19	66	f
Brussels	9	48	s	Karachi	32	90	s	Oslo	6	43	s	Valencia	19	66	f
Budapst	14	57	f	L Palmas	28	79	s	Paris	9	48	F	Vanc'ver	11	52	r
B Aires	17	63	f	Le Touqet	10	50	s	Peking	18	64	f	Venice	21	70	s
Cairo	29	84	f	Lisbon	20	68	c	Perth	23	73	s	Vienna	8	46	f
Capa Tn	21	70	s	Locarno	18	64	s	Prague	4	39	c	Warsaw	5	41	c
Chicago	22	72	s	L Angels	21	70	s	Reykjavik	6	41	f	Wash'ton	20	68	s
Ch'church	-	-		Luxembg	8	46	s	Rhodes	24	75	s	Wel'gton	11	52	f
Cologne	10	50	s	Luxor	34	93	f	Rio de J	25	79	s	Zurich	10	50	c

Temperatures at midday local time. X = not available

TIDE TABLES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	12.36	7.2	12.54	7.1	Liverpool	10.18	8.9	10.33	9.2
Aberdeen	12.08	4.1	12.42	4.1	Lowestoft	6.21	2.5	6.39	2.4
Avonmouth	6.12	12.8	6.31	1.1	Margate	11.16	4.7	11.45	4.8
Belfast	10.09	3.3	10.23	3.4	Milford Haven	5.16	6.7	5.33	6.9
Cardiff	6.04	11.80	6.22	12.04	Newquay	4.08	6.6	4.25	6.8
Devonport	4.47	5.3	5.00	5.4	Oban	4.49	3.7	5.00	4.0
Dover	10.18	6.6	10.42	6.5	Penzance	3.47	5.4	3.59	5.5
Falmouth	4.17	5.1	4.30	5.2	Portland	5.46	2.0	5.59	2.1
Glasgow	-	-	12.15	4.7	Portsmouth	10.31	4.7	10.46	4.8
Harwich	10.48	4.0	11.15	4.1	Shoreham	10.33	6.2	10.51	6.1
Holyhead	9.32	5.3	9.40	5.6	Southampton	9.57	4.5	10.12	4.4
Hull	5.14	7.20	5.48	7.04	Swansea	11.22	1.8	11.34	1.4
Ilfracombe	5.00	8.88	5.19	9.15	Tees	2.22	8.2	3.02	5.7
King's Lynn	5.19	6.5	5.54	6.4	W'ton-on-Naze	10.41	4.2	11.14	4.2
Leith	1.30	5.3	2.02	5.3					

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Sun rises: 7.29 am
Sun sets: 6.02 pm
Moon sets: 6.22 am
Moon rises: 5.24 pm

London 6.02 pm to 7.31 am
Bristol 6.11 pm to 7.41 am
Edinburgh 6.08 pm to 7.52 am
Manchester 6.07 pm to 7.43 am
Penzance 6.25 pm to 7.50 am

Full moon October 19.

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Tunnel delays to hit 1995 revenues

By Martin Waller, Deputy City Editor

THE delays that have hit the start-up of rail services through the Channel Tunnel this year will also reduce Eurotunnel's revenues in 1995. These will not now reach the levels forecast in last spring's £858 million rights issue, the company admitted yesterday.

A half-year progress report reinforced City fears over the loss of revenues from the problems that have bedevilled the first months of operation. Observers had expected a shortfall for 1994, but it now appears this will be larger than had been expected.

Sir Alastair Morton, co-chairman, said the company would miss by three quarters, or £100 million, the £135 million of revenues the company had promised shareholders in 1994. But a squeeze on costs would limit the resultant additional cash outflow to £50 million this year.

The need for an operating certificate, still outstanding from the joint government safety regulator, to run Le Shuttle tourist service through the Tunnel would push the start of this service towards the end of this year, while the phased introduction of the rolling stock, thereafter, would hit revenues for 1995.

But the company is confident the entire operation, the freight shuttles, the Eurostar passenger services, for which a November 14 launch was announced yesterday, and Le Shuttle itself, would be operating fully by next spring.

The news sent Eurotunnel shares, always a volatile market on any bad news, diving 13p to 215p, a new low for the year, in early trading, although by the end of the day they had recovered to 221p.

The interim figures from Eurotunnel indicated the first trading results yet from the project, a £47 million loss for a six-week period of limited operations from the freight service, the only one yet running on a commercial basis.

Summing up the first nine months of this year as "a frustrating and difficult time", Sir Alastair conceded that the company had not delivered its promises made in the rights issue prospectus. "Perhaps the future is just arriving — once again I apologise for its late arrival," he said.

"1995 will be the critical year, in which we must satisfy our customers and our bankers — and thus our shareholders," he added.

But the revenue shortfall could potentially push the group into yet more problems with its bankers, once the rights issue cash that is tiding it over runs out in the spring. Eurotunnel was forced to concede in yesterday's announcement that the banks' own projections for the Tunnel "may well create a situation in which the existing conditions for access to the senior debt would not be satisfied".

Sir Alastair dismissed any suggestion that the company could end up in breach of its banking covenants and run into problems as a result. "The banks have come through all this trauma from 1986 and 1987. They aren't going to stop now, are they?" he asked.

He also dismissed market concerns that the company might be forced into yet another rights issue to straighten out its finances before next spring, when the revenue from operations is forecast to exceed operating costs for the first time. "We don't need one. Our way forward is with our banks," he said.

Sir Alastair yesterday indicated his personal support of the project: after the formal announcement of the figures, he instructed his broker to buy 5,000 Eurotunnel units at a price of 230p, taking his holding to 34,440 units. He also holds 118,000 1993 warrants. Sir Alastair pledged: "I'll hold these new shares at least a year and then sell them when the holding shows me 50 per cent per annum growth."

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Sir Alastair bought 5,000 Eurotunnel shares yesterday

Highland Distilleries ferments a spirit of change



STEPHEN GIBSON

Season for spreading wings: Brian Ivory, chief executive of Highland Distilleries, yesterday announced that the maker of The Famous Grouse brand of whisky is considering a move into other spirits. Mr Ivory, reporting a 10 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £42.5 million, said the company was working hard to exploit different opportunities in premium spirits. However, he declined to say whether new products would come from internal development or through acquisition. Mr Ivory also announced that export volumes of The Famous Grouse had grown by 14 per cent in the year to August. The strong advance compares with an industry average of 4 per cent. Tempus, page 28

Exco chief quits in board row

By Patricia Tehan

THE chief executive of Exco, the money broker that returned to the stock market in July, resigned yesterday after a management disagreement. Ron Sandler, brought in from rival Martin Bierbaum 18 months ago, will leave at the end of the year.

He will be succeeded by Peter Edge, head of the firm's London money broking operations for six years, who became deputy chief executive yesterday.

Mr Sandler is on a £290,000 salary under a one-year rolling contract. A spokesman for the firm said Mr Sandler would not receive compensation, but his contract would be honoured in full.

The spokesman said: "Since the flotation differences in management style have developed, which, if the board had allowed them to continue, could have damaged the business."

The company's shares fell 15p to 179p.

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Three-year contracts still rolling on for many chiefs

By Robert Miller and Colin Narbrough

CHIEF executives of Britain's top companies are awarding themselves huge pay rises and protecting their future prospects with three-year rolling contracts according to a survey published yesterday by Bacon & Woodrow, the remuneration specialist.

The survey also reveals a widening pay gap between the directors of large and small companies.

Bacon & Woodrow's 1994 *Directors' TRP* [Total Remuneration Package] *Survey* shows directors of companies with a turnover of less than £125 million received an average basic salary rise over the year of 6 per cent, compared with 10 per cent for directors at companies with a turnover of more than £1.25 billion.

One company, which did not participate in the B&W survey but awarded a generous pay rise, was Nissan UK Holdings, owner of the former sole distributor in Britain of Nissan cars. Last year it raised the salary of Octav Botnar, its fugitive German chairman, more than fivefold to £1.94 million, despite a £11.3 million pre-tax loss.

According to the B&W survey the average basic salary of chief executives in July this year was £208,000 against £158,000 last year. Directors saw their average salaries rise by £19,000 to £110,000, although Bacon & Woodrow said the sample base differed slightly from last year. The overall pay packages of directors, including bonus payments, pension arrangements and other benefits, can exceed basic pay by more than 200 per cent. Company cars remain a popular perk with a 93 per cent take-up.

Only 27 per cent of the 954 directors in 126 companies participating in the survey, conducted in conjunction with Remuneration Economics, received no bonus. For those who did receive them the average sum was 25 per cent of salary or £27,607 in cash terms.

But the most controversial element of the B&W survey, is likely to centre on the continuing popularity of three-year rolling contracts. Of the chief executives surveyed, 39 per cent still have them.

Alastair Ross Goobey, chief executive of PosTel, the £25 billion Post Office and British Telecom staff pension fund, gave warning this summer that they were no longer acceptable. Mr Ross Goobey, who has a 12-month rolling contract, said PosTel would in future vote against contracts of more than two years.

But in a supplementary survey of FT-SE 100 companies, Bacon & Woodrow found that of the 80 replies it received, more than 50 per cent of chief executives were still on three-year rolling contracts and 64 per cent of these had "no intention" of changing.

Commenting on three-year rolling contracts, Keith McNeish, the Bacon & Woodrow consultant who managed the survey, said: "We were surprised to find that there was no evidence of reducing numbers of rolling three-year contracts for chief executives."

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Retailers see strong sales in September

By Philip Bassett

HIGH Street sales growth is recovering, according to the latest distributive trades survey from the Confederation of British Industry, out today.

Retail sales, the survey says, grew more strongly in September than in recent months, and were higher than retailers expected. The findings, which come ahead of the Government's own retail sales figures, due tomorrow, are the first since September's half-point increase in base rates.

Nearly all retailers reported strong growth in sales volumes last month, the CBI says. The balance of companies reporting an increase in sales volumes (against those reporting a fall) rose from 2 per cent in August to 28 per cent last month. CBI analysts suggest that when the last three months are averaged out, the overall positive balance of about 14 per cent indicates "modest but continued" overall growth.

Overall sales volumes, across 15,000 outlets were also up in September and, at a balance of 39 per cent, were higher than expectations.

Eastern promise of 6,000 British jobs

By Colin Narbrough
World Trade Correspondent

SAMSUNG, South Korea's biggest industrial conglomerate, is expected to generate up to 6,000 jobs in north east England with a £450 million investment in a state-of-the-art plant in Cleveland, one of Britain's unemployment black spots.

The British Government pledged £58 million in grant and loans under its Regional Selective Assistance programme to secure the biggest ever Korean investment in Europe.

It was the second biggest aid package for an inward investor in England, after a £75 million deal with Ford in 1978. Further support will come from local authorities, Teesside Training and Enterprise Council and Teesside Development Corporation.

The South Korean move follows last month's decision by NEC, the Japanese computer chipmaker, to invest a further £530 million alongside its existing production facilities at Livingston in Lothian and suggests that inward investment is picking up.

News of the South Korean investment emerged during a visit to Seoul by Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, who today starts a three-day visit to Malaysia.

Samsung, the world's 14th biggest company, produces chemicals, ships, aircraft parts, consumer electronics and computer chips. It also aims to become a leading carmaker.

The plant to be built at Wynyard will make microwave ovens and computer monitors. Production will expand later to include personal computers, fax machines, colour display tubes and microchips. The DTI said the Cleveland project would employ 3,000 people directly. A further 100 will initially be employed at Samsung's regional headquarters in London, rising to 400 to 500 by the end of the decade. Similar inward investment programmes have generated many more jobs indirectly and DTI officials said that, typically, the direct workforce was matched by indirect jobs in allied industries and services.

Samsung already employs 300 people making colour televisions at Billingham in Cleveland, where it expects to double the workforce. Production at Wynyard is expected to start next year.

Fomenting revolution, page 26

BUSINESS TODAY

STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3120.2	(+13.5)
Yield	4.04%	
FT-SE A All share	1548.45	(+5.34)
Nikkei	19958.29	(-11.00)
New York:		
Dow Jones	3919.22	(+8.75)*
S&P Composite	469.03	(-0.07)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	4 13/16%*	(4 11/16%)
Long Bond	96 5/32*	(96 7/32)
Yield	7.85%*	(7.83%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5 7/8%	(5 7/8%)
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STERLING

New York:		
$	1.6105*	(1.5960)
London:		
$	1.6105	(1.5940)
DM	2.4156	(2.4176)
FFr	8.2950	(8.2980)
SFr	2.0107	(2.0124)
Yen	157.27	(156.56)
£ Index	79.8	(79.6)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5003*	(1.5173)
FFr	5.1460*	(5.2138)
SFr	1.2485*	(1.2625)
Yen	97.68*	(98.05)
$ Index	61.2	(61.6)

Tokyo close Yen 97.97

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Dec)	$16.00	($15.75)

GOLD

London close	$389.25	($387.45)

* denotes midday trading price

Training benefits

Improving workers' skills could cut absenteeism at work and help to boost profits, Michael Portillo, the Employment Secretary, said yesterday at the launch of a new business-led drive to promote training standards in the workplace. **Page 30**

£180m New Look

New Look, the womenswear retailer, will float on the stock market next month valued at up to £180 million. The flotation will make the controlling Singh family, which founded the business in 1969, more than £50 million richer. **Page 27**

GE to sell Kidder Peabody

From Sean Mac Carthaigh in New York

AFTER eight years in the brokerage business, General Electric announced yesterday that it was to sell its Kidder Peabody unit to PaineWebber. In recent months, Kidder has been dogged by scandal and losses, and the sale — a share-exchange worth around $670 million — came as no surprise to Wall Street.

The deal will leave GE with an initial stake of 22 per cent in PaineWebber, rising to 25 per cent, but the corporate giant is also expected to take a one-time, fourth quarter charge to earnings of $500 million.

As part of the accord, GE will indemnify PaineWebber on all of Kidder's existing liabilities, is to receive a seat on the PaineWebber board and has agreed to a 15-year standstill period.

John Welch, GE chairman, said: "We look forward to the real benefits ... through GE's interest in PaineWebber"

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PAY RISE

With interest rates looking uncertain, the idea of locking into a fixed rate is appealing, but the costs attached can outweigh the advantages. Not so now. Here's a mortgage fixed at 6.49% (6.7% APR) until January 1997 with no arrangement or legal fees when using the lender's solicitor, a full range of repayment options, no compulsory insurances and valuation fees refunded on completion. Also available on purchases with £200 paid towards legal costs. For a written quotation, call us without delay on (071) 611 7000, or Leeds (0532) 470338. Or drop in and see us at 10-12 Great Queen Street, London WC2B 5DD.

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Walker jury warned by judge to ignore mass publicity of case

BY JON ASHWORTH

THE jury in the George Walker trial was sent out to consider its verdict yesterday with a stern warning to pay no attention to the mass of publicity surrounding the case.

Judge Geoffrey Rivlin, QC, completing the seventh and final day of his summing up, told the nine men and two women of the jury to ignore the noticeable presence of journalists and other onlookers who packed Southwark Crown Court. "You, and you alone, are the persons who have listened so carefully and so patiently to evidence over the past months," he said. The jury retired shortly before noon to begin its deliberations, and went on to spend the night at a London hotel.

Mr Walker, former chairman and chief executive of Brent Walker, and Wilfred Aquilina, former finance director, deny two joint charges of false accounting, one of theft, and one of conspiracy to falsify accounts. Mr Walker, 65, of High Road, Fobbing, Essex, is alone accused of three charges of theft. Mr Aquilina, 43, faces an additional charge of false accounting. During the four and a half-month trial, evidence has been heard from more than 80 witnesses, including Mr Walker, who spent two weeks answering questions. Mr Walker's wife, Jean, and daughters, Sarah and Romna, listened as the judge told the jury of the need to reach unanimous verdicts.

Earlier, the judge reminded the jury that Mr Walker had repeatedly denied allegations by the Crown that he and Mr Aquilina had illegally boosted Brent Walker's income by £19.3 million to fool investors.

Mr Walker had been described as an "ideas man" who left the task of running the company to senior lieutenants. A witness had described him as someone of "enormous presence" who "had no time for fools" and did not become involved in the practicalities of running the business.

The jury was reminded of documents bearing what were claimed to be forgeries of Mr Walker's signature. Mr Walker had claimed to be "unaware" of various transactions relating to Brent Walker's film division. He had signed documents on verbal explanations from senior advisers.

The jury heard how Mr Walker and his family had invested "substantial" sums in a bond issue designed to keep Brent Walker afloat, after an initial inquiry by the Serious Fraud Office ended in a clean bill of health. At the end of 1991, Mr Walker had been "ousted" from the board after a motion to remove him was carried by just one vote.

JOHN CHAPMAN



George Walker, left, and his brother Billy, after proceedings in London yesterday

RICS finds housing market still sluggish

BY JANET BUSH
ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

HOUSE prices and the volume of housing market transactions will not increase until the New Year at the earliest, according to the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors.

The RICS reported that nearly 60 per cent of estate agents said that there had been a fall in enquiries and viewings by householders in the three months to September. Prices, however, were reported to be stable by 76 per cent of agents questioned.

"Optimism about the short-term prospects for the housing market recovery has seeped away, as the anticipated autumn pick-up in most areas simply failed to happen," the RICS report said. The report, and individual assessments from estate agents, said that the main reason was last month's rise in interest rates.

August was reported to have been generally busier, with estate agents preparing themselves for an upswing in September, the beginning of the autumn buying season. However, estate agents did not see the build-up in buyer confidence necessary to give the residential market the momentum it needs.

The one bright spot, according to the report, is that demand for new houses remains healthy.

BUSINESS HONOUR

Kohl's win has dollar down against mark

THE dollar barely recovered any ground yesterday from two-year lows that it hit against the German mark in trading overnight after news of the narrow election victory for Helmut Kohl's ruling coalition. In late European business, the US currency was quoted at DM1.4990, just above the low of DM1.4970. The dollar's overnight plunge was tied to the German election news, but the currency has been weakening for months in spite of higher US interest rates. Sterling's trade-weighted index yesterday rose to 79.8, from 79.6 at Friday's close, largely reflecting gains against the dollar. The dollar closed at $1.6076 against the pound, from Friday's $1.5933.

Despite the dollar's continued weakness, the US bond market held up fairly well yesterday, with Treasury bonds roughly unchanged on Wall Street at midday. Fears of further losses in the dollar are undermining the chances of a recovery in the US bond market on the back of evidence that the US Federal Reserve's five interest rate rises this year are finally beginning to restrain US economic growth.

Kelt Energy advances

HIGHER oil production and lower interest costs helped Kelt Energy to boost interim pre-tax profits from £3.2 million to £3.4 million despite a 15 per cent fall in average oil prices during the six months to June 30. Operating profit at the oil and gas exploration group fell from £3.9 million to £3.5 million. Production interest in Gabon has been extended by 1,000 barrels per day with the purchase of new fields and Colombian output has increased. Earnings per share are maintained at 1.8p.

Renault pre-placement

RENAULT shares will be "pre-placed" today with the institutions paying between Fr163 and Fr178 a share. The French government said the actual sale of part of its 80 per cent holding in the carmaker will take place in the next few weeks; it intends to retain majority control for the time being. Pre-placement allows investors to place orders with the banks for shares with no obligation to buy them when they go on sale. The state's adviser is said to have valued Renault from Fr39 billion to Fr42.5 billion.

Ladbroke cuts 900 jobs

LADBROKE Group, the leisure and property group, is to shed 900 jobs at Texas Homecare, the DIY retailing chain, as part of a restructuring. The process will cost about £2 million. The chain employs about 11,000 people. Included in the job cuts will be those staff employed at the Texas Pantries snack bars, all of which are to be closed. In September, Ladbroke denied speculation that it was planning to sell Texas, which returned to profit in the first half of 1994 after losses in the second half of last year.

BZW names deputy

DONALD Brydon looks set to become the next chief executive of BZW, the investment bank owned by Barclays. Mr Brydon, 48, was yesterday promoted to be deputy chief executive to David Band, 51, and he is thought likely to succeed him in a couple of years, when Mr Band is expected to take over from Sir Peter Middleton as executive chairman. Mr Brydon replaces John Spencer, who is to leave BZW at the end of the year. Mr Band said that Mr Brydon's responsibilities will include human resources, US strategy and monitoring costs.

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.32	2.12
Austria Sch	17.99	16.49
Belgium Fr	52.89	48.49
Canada $	2.283	2.123
Cyprus CypE	0.773	0.723
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	8.06	7.36
France Fr	8.77	8.07
Germany Dm	2.57	2.36
Greece Dr	388.00	361.00
Hong Kong $	13.05	12.05
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2565.00	2410.00
Japan Yen	172.50	155.50
Malta	0.822	0.567
Netherlds Gld	2.857	2.627
Norway Kr	11.12	10.32
Portugal Esc	258.50	240.00
S Africa Rd	REF	5.44
Spain Pta	208.00	194.00
Sweden Kr	12.24	11.44
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	REFER	53570.0
USA $	1.704	1.574

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank plc. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Lee foments revolution at Samsung

BY COLIN NARBROUGH
WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

THE decision by Samsung, the leading South Korean industrial *chaebol* conglomerate, to invest £450 million in production, research and administrative facilities in Britain, probably reflects the group's internal revolution as much as the attractions of the low-pay British economy.

True, the Department of Trade and Industry, which led negotiations with Samsung for months to prevent the investment going to Ireland or Spain, agreed to provide £58 million of grant and loans in Regional Selective Assistance towards the planned consumer electronics plant at Wynyard in Cleveland. To bring an unemployment black spot more than 3,000 jobs likely to generate as many again in the North East, was considered well worth taxpayers' money.

Industry analysts see Britain's relatively low-cost labour, reduced trade union power and tariff-free access to the European Union as more important that sweeteners.

Lee Kun Hee, the 51-year-old head of Samsung, has his own distinct agenda to ensure corporate survival for the coming century. He is pushing the group, which had turnover last year of $51.3 billion and is listed in *Fortune* as the world's 14th largest company, to undergo cultural revolution.

After a visit to America, where he saw how Samsung products were shunned because of perceived poor quality, he decided that the group, which makes everything from aircraft parts and ships to chemicals and computers, had to be in the A-team for quality.

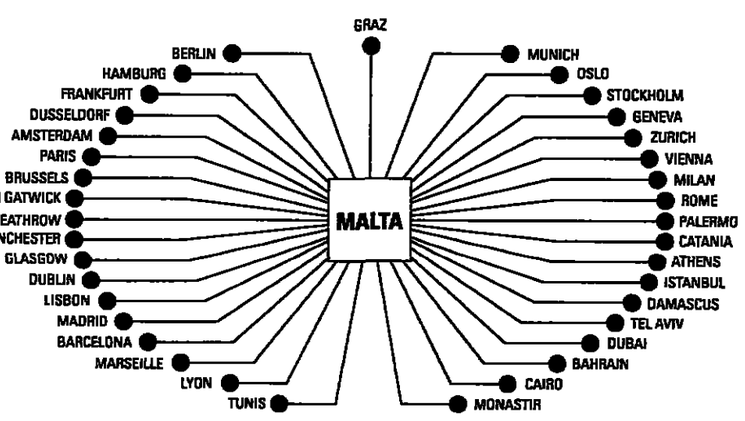
Although Samsung accounts for an eighth of South Korea's prolific exports, and was the first company in the world to produce a 64 megabyte DRAM microchip, it urgently needs a "revolution of minds", according to Mr Lee. He has warned his 200,000 workers that they must change everything, except their spouse and children.

To sweep away the old, rigid, almost military style of his group and replace it with a more creative, open-minded culture, the Porsche-driving Mr Lee has ordered his top managers to undergo a six-month reorientation course, half of which must be spent abroad. To ensure that the managers meet people, air travel is forbidden. In addition, 400 junior executives are being packed off abroad each year to do nothing but travel, learn a foreign language and the culture of their host countries.

The itinerant executives, on full pay, are to be the elite that will help Samsung become the global force Mr Lee envisages. His corporate philosophy has been described as an odd mixture of Confucian tradition and modern western thinking.

Mr Lee, like many South Koreans, has recognised that his country, which has spent the post-war era trying to catch up with Japan, now has Asia's highest wages, except for Japan. A skilled South Korean worker earns $20,000 a year and productivity gains are failing to keep pace with pay growth.

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Company number 928271.
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF KULICKE & SOFFA (EUROPE) LIMITED. On 10 October 1994 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Michael David Gercke of Price Waterhouse was appointed liquidator by the shareholders. The liquidator gives notice under the provisions of Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at Bridge Gate 56/57 High Street Redhill Surrey by 30 November 1994 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution. The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full. Date 10 October 1994. M D Gercke Liquidator

STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN OF ST DUNSTAN'S ADMIRAL OF THE FLEET SIR HENRY LEACH, GCB,LL. During recent weeks certain appeals have been raised seeking financial assistance over the envisaged extension of St Dunstan's Nursing Home at Pearson House, Abbey Road, Brighton. Financial prudence has now compelled St Dunstan's to decide to close Pearson House and to reprovide enhanced nursing and residential care facilities at Ian Fraser House, Ovingdean. The Chairman of St Dunstan's hopes that those members of the public who responded generously to the appeals, which were made in good faith, will not feel misled by this change, which has been necessitated by circumstances beyond their control and the underlying spirit of which remains unaltered.

The Public Trustee of NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA, is administering a Trust for Charles Kerr, resulting from the estate of his Sister In Law Frances Kerr, who died on 22nd February 1985 late of Gladesville, New South Wales, Australia. The said Charles Kerr was believed to be born in Millport, Scotland. Any persons knowing the whereabouts of the descendants or are descendant of the said Charles Kerr, kindly contact Mr P Bellemore C/- The Public Trustee of New South Wales, GPO Box 7, SYDNEY 2001, NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA.

LEGAL NOTICES

CEL (MAIDSTONE) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number 2177772. Former Company Name: Alvistrex Limited. Trading Name: CEL, Nature Of Business: Electrical Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 15. Date of Appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Date of instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.J.C. Dunn and P.S Dunn. (Office holder numbers 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley and Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

CEL (SOUTHAMPTON) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 1901701. Former Company Name: Edition Will Limited. Trading Name: CEL Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesalers Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Date of instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.J.C. Oldham and P.S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE RECEIVER
Stocks Design Associates Limited
Registered number: 2586280
Trading name:- Stocks Design Associates Limited
Nature of business:- Design services
Trade classification:- 23
Date of appointment of administrative receivers:- 10 October 1994
Name of person appointing the administrative receivers:- Midland Bank plc
Names of administrative receivers:- Gordon Christopher Horsfield & Roger Marsh
Office Holder No.s:- 5699 & 5925
Address: Price Waterhouse
9 Bond Court
Leeds
LS1 2SN

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
High Court of Justice No 10473 of 1993 Lifting Co Partnership Ltd (In Liquidation) In accordance with Rule 4.106 of the Insolvency Rules 1986, I GCA Morphitis of Capes and Dalgleish, 22 Melton Street, Euston Square, London, NW1 2EP give notice that I was appointed Liquidator of the above on 23 May 1994.
Dated 12 October 1994
GCA Morphitis, Liquidator.

CEL (BRISTOL) LIMITED.
IN RECEIVERSHIP.
Former Company Name: Cadwaz Limited. Trading name: CEL Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesaler. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed &floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers M.J.C. Oldham and P.S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

CEL (CARDIFF) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 2305340. Former Company Name: N/A. Trading Name: CEL Nature of Business: Other Wholesale. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Barclays Bank plc. Date of instrument: 25th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.J.C. Oldham and P.S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

CELEC CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 1773311. Trading Name: CELEC Construction. Nature of Business: Other Retail. Trade Classification: 22 Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Barclays Bank plc. Date of instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.J.C. Oldham and P.S. Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers 7817 AND 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF TRICOVILLE LIMITED (IN LIQUIDATION)
On 11 October 1994 the company was placed in creditors' voluntary liquidation. Alan John Barnett of Price Waterhouse No 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL has been appointed liquidator. Creditors of the company are requested to send details in writing, of their claims against the company to the liquidator at the above address.
Claims need not be in any particular form, but creditors wishing to claim VAT bad debt relief are requested to complete the form issued by the liquidator. The liquidator reserves the right to require a creditor to support his or her claim by affidavit.
Alan John Barnett
Liquidator
Dated 11 October 1994

CEL (SWANSEA) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 2306342. Trading Name: CEL Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesaler. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 25th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.J.C. Oldham and P.S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

CORDSYSTEM LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 2394882. Trading Name(s): Interiac International. Nature of Business: Electrical Importers. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham and P S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

CROYDON ELECTRICAL LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 1380837. Trading Name(s): CEL & ELEC. Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesaler. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 25th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham and P S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

ELEC (BRISTOL) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 2431776. Former Company Name: Croydon Electrical (L.O.W.) Limited. Trading Name(s): CEL & ELEC. Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesaler. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 25th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham and P S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

And To All Whom It May Concern
WE, LINDA SUSAN JACKSON who has resided for the past six months at 68 Bedon Avenue, Palmers Green, London N13 4TJ and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Area Manager and BARRY ROY YOUNG who has resided for the past six months at 59 Harrier Mews, Broadwater Green, London SE26 6DQ and carried on the trade or calling during the aforesaid period of six months of Senior Catering Manager DO HEREBY GIVE YOU NOTICE that it is our intention to apply at the Licensing Session for the Licensing Division of West London to be held at Walton Street Magistrates Court, 1a Walton Street, London SW3 on WEDNESDAY the 2ND day of NOVEMBER 1994 at 10'clock in the forenoon for the grant to US of a Justices ON Licence Subject to Conditions authorising US to sell by retail at the premises situate at 14 Barkston Gardens, Earls Court, London SW5 in the said Licensing Division intoxicating liquor of all descriptions for consumption ON the premises.
GIVEN under our hands this 10th day of October 1994.
LINDA SUSAN JACKSON.
BARRY ROY YOUNG

LEGAL NOTICES

ELEC (COULSON) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered number: 2555750. Trading Name(s): CEL & ELEC. Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesalers. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receiver(s): 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 25th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed & floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M J C Oldham and P S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers: 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

ELEC (L.O.W.) LIMITED
IN RECEIVERSHIP
Registered Number: 2546289. Trading Names: CEL & ELEC. Nature of Business: Electrical Wholesaler. Trade Classification: 15. Date of appointment of administrative receiver: 11th October 1994. Name of person appointing the administrative receiver(s): Barclays Bank plc. Date of Instrument: 28th September 1991. Type of Instrument: Debenture conferring fixed &floating charges. Joint Administrative Receivers: M.J.C. Oldham and P.S Dunn. (Office Holder Numbers 7817 and 2368) of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF.

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE No 004851 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of MARKS AND SPENCER p.l.c.
AND IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice (Chancery Division) dated the 10th October 1994 confirming the reduction of the capital of the above-named Company from £301,380,000 to £300,000,000 and the Minute approved by the High Court showing with respect to the capital of the Company as altered the several particulars required by the above-mentioned Act were registered by the Registrar of Companies on the 10 October 1994
Dated this 14th day of October 1994
FRESHFIELDS of 65 Fleet Street London EC4Y 1HS
Solicitors for the above-named Company.

IN THE MATTER OF WAKEBOURNE PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Order of the High Court of Justice, Chancery Division, dated Wednesday 5th October 1994, confirming the reduction of the capital of the above named Company and the reduction of the share premium account of the above named Company approved by the Court showing the several particulars required by the above named Act was registered by the Registrar of Companies on - 1994. Dated the day of - 1994. Goodacre Solicitors, 22 Tudor Street, London EC4Y 0JJ. Telephone: 071 583 7777. Ref: BMC0349/691144. Solicitors for the above named Company

R.C Frame Erectors Ltd.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1990, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co, situated at 20 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, on 27th October 1994 at 12.00 for the purposes provided in Sections 99 of said.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co Po box 585, 20 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of the Creditors.
Notice of appointment of Administrative Receiver
Stocks Bros (Buildings) Limited
Registered number 1316567.
Trading name Stocks Bros (Buildings) Limited, Nature of business: Design and building contractors, Trade classification 23, Date of appointment of administrative receiver 10 October 1994, Name of person appointing the administrative receiver: Midland Bank plc. Names of administrative receivers: Gordon Christopher Horsfield and Roger Marsh, Office Holder No.'s 5699 and 5925, Address Price Waterhouse 9 Bond Court Leeds LS1 2SN

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☐ Banks unlikely to shoot themselves in the foot ☐ Creating a super-class of bosses ☐ GE closes the book on its big mistake

The long, dark Tunnel

☐ SOME people are terrified of spiders, open spaces or bartenders. Sir Alastair Morton's particular phobia appears to be certain newspaper headlines.

Hence his insistence yesterday that Eurotunnel, contrary to reports last week, is not in potential breach of its banking covenants. This is the headline that Sir Alastair dreads, and no matter that it would hardly be the first time.

But the need to keep shareholders informed required Eurotunnel to admit yesterday, as the interim progress report came in rather worse than the market had feared, that the way the cards were running, the company might by next spring be in technical breach of the conditions precedent to its getting its hands on much-needed senior debt.

The delays to full start-up, which were always going to make 1994 a year to forget, will now certainly effect 1995 revenues. While the various services will — probably, probably — be running for the all-important summer season, the delays to Le Shuttle will mean this will have to build up into full operation in the early months of next year.

Any reduction in the forecast £525 million in revenues Eurotunnel expects for 1995, however slight and even in the quiet winter months, will come off projections that until now had assumed all the damage would be contained into 1994. Meanwhile interest rate rises, actual and potential, will boost outgoings. The inevitable result must be that the banks' highly conservative assumptions, on which they agree to extend further funds when the cash from this year's rights issue runs out, will not be achieved.

The banks would theoretically be entitled to refuse to pay out the money next spring that Eurotunnel needs to pay them their interest. The company would then be in breach of its banking covenants, having been kicked into it by its own banks. If the company failed, the banks would have two choices. They could pour concrete down the hole and write off the debt, or they could hire the same team to run the project and write off the debt. Bankers have no more to gain than the rest of us from shooting themselves in the foot, so Eurotunnel can therefore not be said to be in potential breach now, although some might think it is a distinction without a difference.

News that next year's revenues might not be as good as hoped should not have affected the share price, since there is no logical reason why the shares, without a profit, a dividend, or much else except travel discounts, should be worth anything at all. Predictably, the shares plunged, bearing out Sir Alastair's opinion that those who buy and sell Eurotunnel short-term these days are traders, not investors. One day the shares will come back into fashion, but it would take a brave man to predict when. The Chunnel will probably be up and fully operational by then, which pushes that day well into next year.

Bringing home the bacon

☐ THE modern company chief likes to claim he is a caring, responsive individual, meeting the needs of his customers, shareholders and employees. Such sensitivity can only go so far, however, and yesterday Bacon & Woodrow's annual directors pay survey revealed that it certainly does not stretch into

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their pockets. There, the grand old policies of self-interest still reign supreme.

The survey is grim reading for anyone who believes that chief executives should show some self-restraint in rewarding their efforts, as an example to their employees and the outside world. On the contrary, it suggests that Britain is on the brink of creating an American-style super-class of multi-millionaire bosses of large companies, whose wealth and lifestyle are completely detatched from the minions surrounding them. The average chief executive in the survey earned a package worth £351,000 last year, almost twice as much as other directors and nearly three times as much as senior executives. This is an average: the top 10 per cent in the survey earned almost £700,000 in cash and benefits. And the figures do not include any contribution from share options.

In the face of all the public criticism of executive pay in the past year, chief executives have continued to reward themselves more than their staff. Basic salaries rose an average of 8.5 per cent, more than three times the rate of inflation, while the heads of large companies decided they were worth a whole 10 per cent more than last year. This in an era when companies are extolling the virtues of pay restraint to their staff.

The survey is also a bitter pill to the investors who have railed against three-year rolling contracts. They are still the norm among chief executives and few companies have any intention of insulting their leader by shortening the length of his contract. And how many chief executives have seen out the length of their contract when they wanted to move on to better-paid pastures If institutional investors really want to see three-year rolling contracts thrown out, they will have to turn the screw on generous business rather harder.

Paine reliever

☐ IT WOULD be easy but wrong to attribute Kidder Peabody's fall from grace and its subsequent disposal by General Electric on one man's alleged irregular trading activities. Undoubtedly, GE would like pin all the blame for the sorry episode on Joseph Jett, since it is not a business with a reputation for making mistakes of this scale. But the very fact that a position so large was allowed to build up in Kidder's books without anyone crying foul suggests the relationship between GE and Kidder was rotten from the start.

Any efficient dealing system should have picked up the size of positions being run in Kidder's dealing room and the capital they were consuming. The fact that they were not spotted suggests that either Kidder's systems were inadequate or that the firm did not examine this tremendous source of profits too closely, just as long as it could report these earnings back to its parent.

General Electric's unhappy ownership of Kidder is further proof that even the most impressively managed business can only withstand so much diversification. While GE Capital has thrived under its industrial parentage, since it retains links with the company through asset leasing, GE's move into investment banking also looked an odd one.

For PaineWebber, the deal looks a one-off opportunity to steal some ground against competitors such as Merrill Lynch, particularly since Kidder will greatly strengthen the firm's retail distribution franchise and enhance its overseas presence.

In the event, GE has not even managed to salvage much pride out of the affair. Its agreement to indemnify PaineWebber for Kidder's liabilities and its readiness to accept a 25 per cent stake in the enlarged group as payment suggests it was keen to be rid of Kidder at any price. John Welsh, GE's chairman, may feel obliged to talk about the benefits of the deal, but in his heart he knows that GE's ownership of a minority stake in a Wall Street firm will be little more than an unlucky charm to remind him of his one big mistake.

Growing cash pile boosts half-time profits at VSEL

BY MARTIN WALLER, DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

BURGEONING cash balances at VSEL, the Barrow-in-Furness submarine builder that is the subject of a £487 million agreed bid from British Aerospace, boosted pre-tax profits in the half year to end-September from £28.8 million to £30.2 million.

The size of VSEL's cash pile reinforces the attraction of the company to BAe, whose debts are rising.

Cash balances grew from £270 million to £364 million in the year to September 30. That helped raise interest receivable by £1.7 million to £5.8 million.

At the trading level, VSEL's profits, which are calculated under a complex formula relating to how much of its Trident submarine contract with the Government has been completed, were slightly lower, at £24.4 million (£24.7 million).

As suggested at the time of the bid last week, the interim dividend is raised from 10.5p to 12.0p, to be paid on November 24, well within the bid timetable, out of earnings of 52.5p, up from 49.3p.

In the formal offer document to shareholders put out yesterday, BAe underlined the benefit that acquiring VSEL would have on the group's finances.

A pro forma balance sheet shows that whereas the acquisition would do little to change BAe's asset base, increasing it by £190 million, from £2.2 billion, it would transform net debt.

At June 30, half way through its financial year, BAe had borrowings of £367 million. At March 31, VSEL's financial year end, the submarine-builder had cash of £247 million. This would have left the merged venture with debt of just £120 million and gearing of just 10 per cent, a figure that will be further eroded by VSEL's strong cash flow during the first half.

The third party in the BAe-VSEL triangle, GEC, headed by Lord Weinstock, has not reacted to weekend suggestions that the engineering group, which has long stalked BAe and has expressed an interest in VSEL, might short-cut the process by bidding for the combined group.

A spokesman for GEC confirmed that the group had declared itself a "bona fide potential offeror" for the submarine-maker, thereby obtaining confidential financial information about VSEL. However, he declined to comment on suggestions of a GEC bid for BAe.

Richard Lapthorne, finance director of BAe, denied suggestions that the document had been issued early to forestall any action from GEC. "We've been working on this for some time. It was only a matter of when we pressed the button," he said.

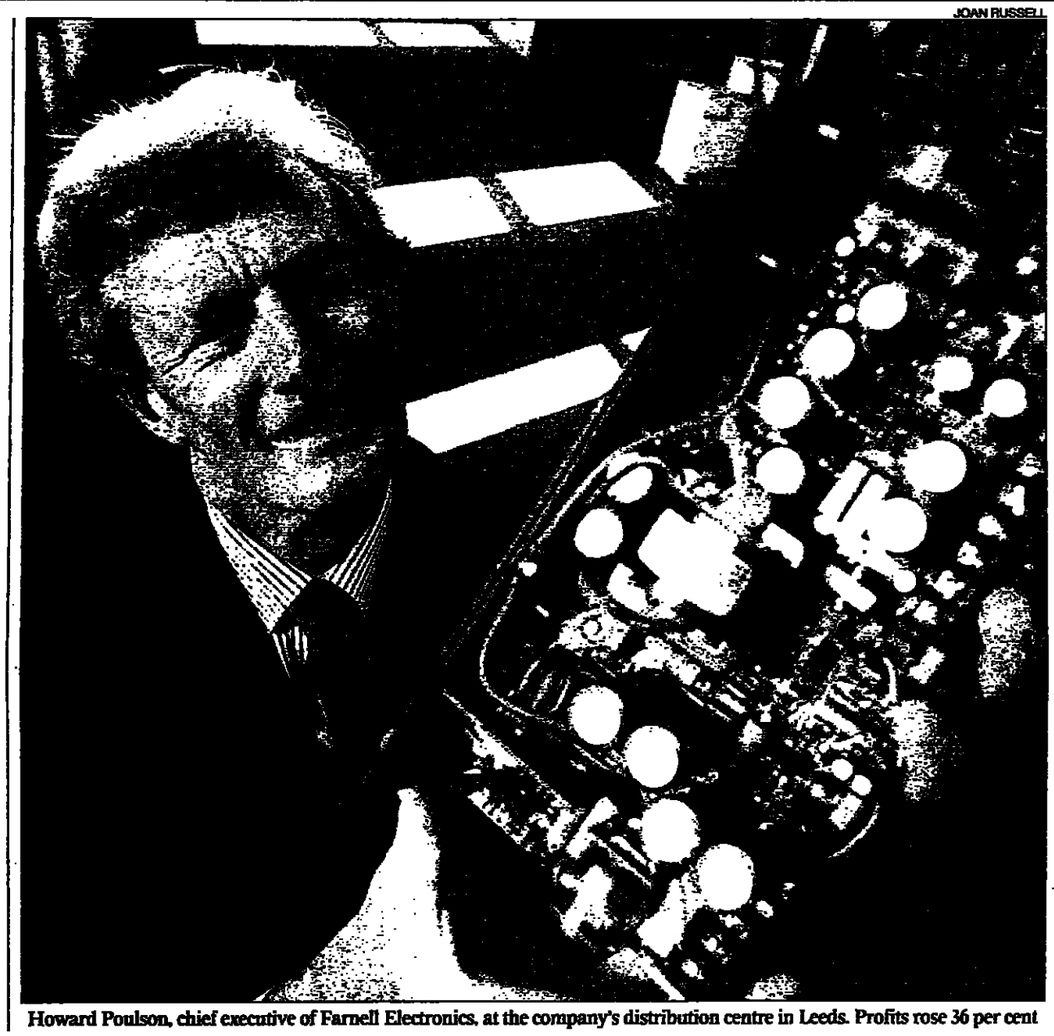
The bid will have to run the full 60-day period required under the rules of the Stock Exchange. GEC would, therefore, have plenty of time to make any move it wished, said Mr Lapthorne.

He added: "I think that what GEC wants to do is their business.

"The issue today is that we have put out an offer document for VSEL. We think the argument makes absolute industrial and financial sense to the company."

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JOAN RUSSELL



Howard Poulson, chief executive of Farnell Electronics, at the company's distribution centre in Leeds. Profits rose 36 per cent

Arrest warrant issued for De la Rosa

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

A WARRANT for the arrest and imprisonment of Javier de la Rosa, the Catalan entrepreneur who is one of the richest men in Spain, was issued yesterday by a Barcelona court for fraud, falsification of documents and misappropriation of some £5 million.

Bail was set at £35 million, the amount private shareholders say is missing from Grain Tibidabo, a company taken over by Señor de la Rosa.

The sum was part of a £50 million credit put up by the Catalan government for the development of the Tibigardens amusement park project south of Barcelona. The warrant for Señor de la Rosa will cast a shadow over the involvement of Tussaud's, part of the Pearson empire, in the troubled scheme.

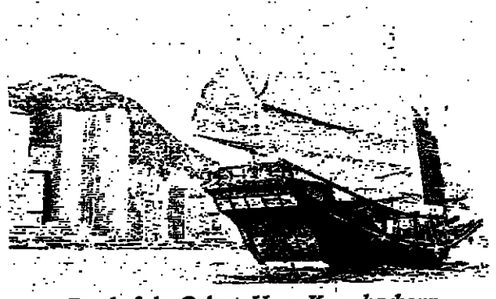
Earlier this year, Tussaud's, which runs Alton Towers, acquired a 40 per cent stake in Tibigardens from Señor de la Rosa and will run the park. The site had originally been offered for Euro Disney.

Señor de la Rosa is also involved in extensive fraud squad enquiries in London and Spain into the crash of a holding company he established in Spain for the Kuwaiti Investment Office.

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Horton joins Farnell board

BY SARAH BAGNALL

ROBERT Horton, who recently offered to donate most of his £120,000 salary as Railtrack chairman to charity, has been made a non-executive director of Farnell Electronics.

Mr Horton will be paid £17,500 annually for working one day a month for the components distributor. He hit the headlines in August when he offered to donate to charity the difference between his £120,000 salary and Jimmy Knapp's £46,000 salary if it would help to end the signallers' strike.

Barry Bramley, a director of BAT Industries, has also joined Farnell, where Howard Poulson is chief executive, as a non-executive director. Richard Hanwell, chairman of Farnell, said that the appointments reflected the company's intention to expand its catalogue sales business into the US and the Far East.

Mr Hanwell said: "The climate is right to enter an expansion programme on the back of catalogue sales. There are tremendous opportunities, especially in the Far East and the US."

Mr Hanwell also announced the resignation of Henry Elstone, the group finance director. He is being replaced by Andrew Fisher, presently senior audit partner with Price Waterhouse.

The changes were announced as Mr Hanwell unveiled a 36 per cent leap in pre-tax profits, to £28.7 million, in the half year to July 31. Turnover rose by 77 per cent, to £260.5 million.

The interim dividend, due on December 5, is up by 19 per cent, to 3.8p. Earnings per share rose from 10.5p to 14.3p.

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Volumes strong at WMI

BY MARTIN BARROW

WASTE Management International said the pricing environment continues to be generally weak but volumes remain strong in most areas.

The company reported third quarter pre-tax profits of £43.1 million, in line with market expectations and up 10.9 per cent from the previous year's £38.9 million. In the nine months to September 30, pre-tax profits grew 13.6 per cent to £125.4 million.

Third quarter revenues improved 22.8 per cent to £288.8 million from £235.1 million and earnings were 5.9 per cent higher at 7.2p a share (6.8p).

Most of Europe performed well, except Germany and France. Satisfactory results were achieved in Britain, The Netherlands, Sweden, Denmark and Finland, where economies had shown an improvement. The shares were unchanged at 538p.

New Look float to bring Singhs £50m

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

THE Singh family, which controls New Look, the womenswear retailer that is about to come to the stock market, will be more than £50 million richer next month.

The family plans to sell about 35 per cent of its stake in the company when it floats at a value of between £150 million and £180 million.

The flotation will make Tom Singh, the deputy chairman who founded the company in 1969, his wife Kuljit and his parents wealthy.

The pathfinder prospectus, out yesterday, shows that in the year to March 26 Tom Singh was paid £1.35 million. In the 13 weeks to June 25, he was paid £2.05 million. John Hanna, managing director, said this year's payment was "by way of a dividend to the family in recognition of what they have done in building up the business." The accounts show that Tom and Kuljit Singh also received a special £3.55 million payment in the half year to September 24, shown as an exceptional item.

From this month, Tom Singh will be paid an annual salary of £125,000. He and the two other most senior directors will also receive a bonus worth 2 per cent of any increase in net profits.

New Look has estimated sales in the six months to September 24 at £58.7 million and operating profits at £9.9 million. That compares with £58.7 million and £11.1 million respectively for the whole year to March 26. The full prospectus will be published on November 3 and dealings are due to start 15 days later. The flotation will raise £10 million for the company to buy the freehold of a new distribution centre and head office, pay £2.5 million in fees to advisers on the flotation and provide £1.5 million in working capital.

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Lift-off for BAe as talk of twin bid by GEC grows

SHARES of **British Aerospace**, which already has an agreed bid of £378 million on the table for VSEL, soared 28p to 498p amid mounting speculation that the powerful **GEC** has set its sights on both companies. By the close of business last night almost 6 million BAe shares had changed hands.

Last week it was confirmed that GEC, which already owns the Yarrow shipyards, had expressed an interest in making a bid for VSEL, builder of Trident submarines. But in the past its name has also been linked to BAe, whose defence operations would make a neat fit. However, it is likely that GEC would probably sell off the group's civil aviation side.

GEC certainly has the financial muscle to make a bid for both companies. At the last count it was sitting on more than £2 billion in cash. Meanwhile, VSEL yesterday reported a 5 per cent increase in half-year pre-tax profits to £30.2 million. Cash balances also climbed, from £270 million to £364 million. The shares eased 2p to £13.23 as BAe last night posted its offer document to its shareholders.

Elsewhere, share prices overcame early hesitancy generated by the German election result, and a long list of companies going ex-dividend. Bond prices led the way higher on suggestions from the Bundesbank that spending cuts could drive interest rates lower. But investors appeared reluctant to get involved, choosing instead to await this week's economic data. As a result, turnover levels were down on last week, and by the close only 459 million shares had been traded.

The FT-SE 100 index repaired an early fall of almost seven points to end the session 13.5 up at 3,120.2 as Wall Street chipped in with a modest opening rise.

Among blue chips **ICI** responded to positive comments from a number of brokers, including NatWest Securities and Hoare Govett, with a rise of 25p to 818p. Third-quarter figures expected soon, are unlikely to reflect the usual seasonal downturn, with product price rises coming through. NatWest is forecasting a rise in pre-tax profits of 93 per cent to £135 million.

BT was another firm market, closing 6p better at 400p. Oftel, the industry regulator, has overturned a ruling against BT and Cellnet, its 60 per cent owned subsidiary. The judgment followed complaints that the cellular telephone operator had been unfairly cross-subsidised.



GEC is said to be hovering over BAe, maker of Sea Harriers

Eurotunnel has taken the opportunity to reassure shareholders, and the City, that it does not need extra cash despite failing to meet the revenue forecast made at the time of its £830 million fund-raising operation in May. The shares finished 7p lower at 221p as a meagre 1.1 million changed hands. They now stand 40p below the rights issue price. Sir Alastair Morton, the joint chairman, said he was "not aware of any actual or future breach of loan covenants, let alone defaults on loans" that reports had suggested could happen between now and the second quarter of next year. But the group has admitted that delays in the launch of some services will hit revenues during the first half of 1995.

News of a boardroom split sent shares of **Exco**, the money broker, falling 15p to 179p, just 4p above the price at which they were offered to investors on their return to the stock market in July. Ron Sandler, chief executive, who joined in April last year, is to step down at the end of the year. He will be replaced by Peter Edge, who has been appointed deputy chief executive. The company blamed Sandler's departure on differences in management style.

Shares of **Aerostructures Hamble**, the new issue which has been hit by several profit warnings, showed signs of bouncing off the bottom with a rise of 9p to 33p. There was some market talk of a bid from GKN, up 4p to 610p, but this was thought to be the work of stale bulls still in the shares.

Profit-taking left **Highland Distilleries**, the Famous Grouse scotch whisky group, 15p lower at 418p after reporting full year figures showing pre-tax profits 10 per cent ahead at £42.5 million, supported by a 14 per cent increase in export volumes.

Hammerson, the property developer, edged up 10p to 340p in ex-dividend form after confirming the long awaited sale of its Australian property portfolio to the Australian Mutual Provident Society in a deal worth £251 million. The six office buildings and one shopping complex were valued last year at £178.3 million. The group intends to use the proceeds to expand in Europe and increase its exposure to retail developments.

Also in the property sector **MEPC** dropped 9p to 433p on talk of an asset downgrading by BZW from 520p to 490p for the year to September. BZW blamed domestic problems and currency translations for the move.

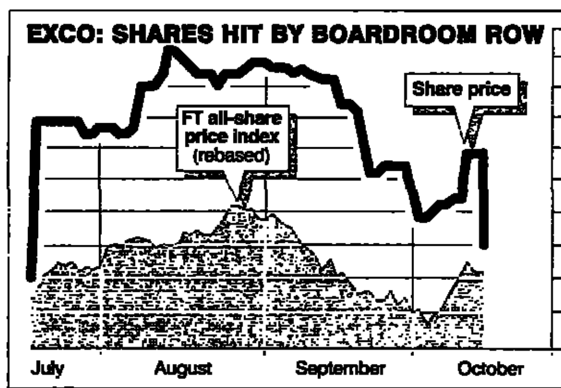
☐ **GILT-EDGED:** Gilts opened lower, hit by a combination of profit-taking and Chancellor Kohl's re-election in Germany. But short covering by several large securities houses, who had been predicting a defeat at the polls for Chancellor Kohl, enabled prices to stage a speedy turnround.

The December series of the Long Gilt touched a high for the day of £102 17/32 before ending almost £¾ better at £102 13/32 as a total of 62,000 contracts were completed.

In the cash market, the Bank of England was able to supply the remainder of Treasury 8½ 2007, with investors awaiting details later this morning of the next auction, which is expected to be around the 8¼ per cent 2000 level. In longs Treasury 9 per cent 2012 rose £¾ to £105 9/16, while in shorts, Treasury 9½ per cent 1999 were £⅜ better at £103 31/32.

☐ **NEW YORK:** US blue chips overcame early weakness to post gains, but were below session peaks by midday, with the Dow Jones industrial average up 8.75 at 3,919.22.

SPECULATION that Unigate is about to dispose of its 32.6 per cent stake in Verenidge Bedrijven Nutricia, the Dutch company, refuses to go away. There was talk that HJ Heinz was ready to make a bid for the company, valuing Unigate's stake at several hundred million pounds. Unigate finished 6p dearer at 340p.



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New York (midday):
Dow Jones .... 3919.22 (+8.75)
S&P Composite .... 469.03 (-0.07)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average .... 19958.29 (-11.00)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 9455.94 (-94.99)

Amsterdam:
EOE Index .... 408.44 (+0.28)

Sydney:
AO .... 2014.2 (+8.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX .... 2090.88 (-14.85)

Singapore:
Straits .... 2387.57 (+10.27)

Brussels:
General .... 7222.86 (+48.13)

Paris:
CAC-40 .... 1906.42 (-26.60)

Zurich:
SKA Gen .... 653.10 (-1.80)

London:
FT 30 .... 2400.4 (+9.2)
FT 100 .... 3120.2 (+13.5)
FT-SE Mid 250 .... 3548.0 (+4.6)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100 .... 1343.00 (-7.17)
FT A All-Share .... 1548.45 (+5.34)
FT Non Financials .... 1674.42 (+6.68)
FT Gold Mines .... 279.3 (-0.7)
FT Fixed Interest .... 108.69 (+0.04)
FT Govt Secs .... 92.28 (+0.59)
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SEAQ Volume 459.5m
USM (Datastrm) .... 157.54 (-0.14)
US$ .... 1.6076 (+0.0143)
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Exchange Index .... 79.8 (+0.2)
RPI .... 145.0 Sep (2.2%) Jan 1987=100
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RECENT ISSUES

Compel (125)	113	...
Cont'l Foods Wts	1¼	...
Emerging Mkts C	61	...
Ennemix (63)	67	...
Games Workshop (115)	126	+2
Group Dv Cap Wts	32	...
Hambros Sml Asian	62	...
Hambros Smlr As Wts	30	...
Mackie Intnl (180)	181	...
Man ED & F (180)	173	-1
Templeton Emerg New	368	...
Templeton Emerg Wts	192	...
Wrexham Water	340	...
Wrexham Water NV	325	...

RIGHTS ISSUES

Cattles n/p (118)	15	...
Dragon Oil n/p (Ir4p)	¼	...
Reckitt & Clmn n/p (500)	60	...
Smurfit (J) n/p (Ir330p)	57	...
UniChem n/p (245)	29	...
World of Leather n/p (75)	3	...

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Br Aerospace .... 498p (+28p)
Airflow Stream .... 141p (+7p)
Hammerson .... 343p (+13p)
Courtauld Text .... 479p (+10p)
AB Food .... 532p (+9p)
Friendly Hotels .... 183p (+8p)
Mitie Group .... 187p (+8p)
Ryl Bank Scotland .... 425p (+10p)
Morland .... 523p (+8p)

FALLS:
HSBC .... 716p (-7p)
SG Warburg .... 643p (-10p)
Highland Distl .... 419p (-14p)
Delta .... 464p (-8p)
Mitel .... 210p (-33p)
Swire Pacific 'A' .... 454p (-13p)
Ranger .... 381p (-12p)
Br Land .... 410p (-9p)
Eurotunnel Uts .... 221p (-7p)
Berkeley Group .... 390p (-7p)

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Offer in haste

THE speed with which British Aerospace has rushed out its offer document for VSEL resembles an auctioneer hurrying to bang his hammer down for a friend before a wealthy dealer at the back of the room has a chance to bid. BAe is all too aware of the hot breath of Lord Weinstock behind it and would dearly love to sew up this deal before he pounces.

At least VSEL's interim results give the outside world a better view of what both companies are likely to be bidding for. The figures confirm that the company is leavening a shrinking workload with rising interest earnings, and that it has the cash that would greatly strengthen BAe's balance sheet.

The key question for any bidder is what a fair value for the business would be without the cash. After yesterday's run in BAe's share price, its offer is now worth £13.68 a share, or £520 million. Strip out the cash and BAe is paying £156 million for VSEL's operations. That is not expensive for a business that should make a trading profit of £50 million this year. Indeed, a notional p/e ratio is less than five. As such, VSEL shareholders can hardly feel they are being offered a fair price for their company, particularly as it comes in the form of BAe paper, which does not have a good history of holding its value.

That leaves the door wide open for a counter offer from GEC or anyone else, particularly if they pay cash which could be replenished immediately from VSEL's coffers.

BAe's speed may have denied Lord Weinstock and his team an leisurely week. But GEC still has a leading part to play, and yesterday's early publication of the offer document should only speed its response.

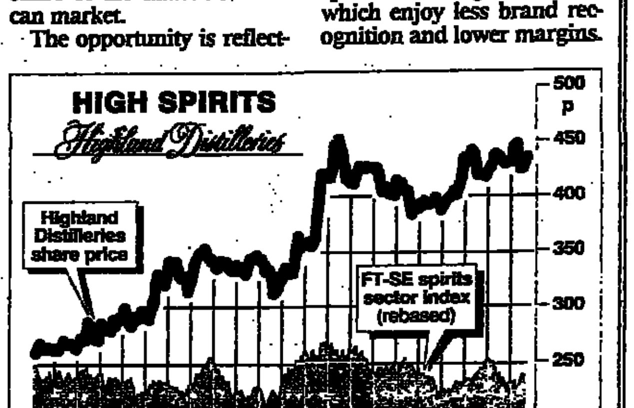
Highland Distilleries

THE setback in Highland Distilleries shares yesterday had more to do with profit-taking by investors than the company's profit performance. Overseas sales of The Famous Grouse, its lead brand, are breaking cover in a spectacular way, while holding their own at home, and the operating margin rose, despite increased marketing spending.

Aggressive price competition in the UK failed to erode Highland's market share of the premium blended whisky market significantly, despite the company's unwillingness to enter a discounting war. The best Highland can hope for in the mature domestic market is to hold its own, but the prize beckoning the company is overseas. Only 45 per cent of The Famous Grouse sales are abroad, while over 80 per cent of Scotch whisky produced is exported. Highland is not only making inroads in Asian markets, but The Famous Grouse managed to almost double its modest share of the mature American market.

The opportunity is reflected in the share price, which even after yesterday's fall is trading at some 18 times 1995 earnings, a healthy premium for what is almost a one-brand company.

However, Highland would be hard pressed to do better by dabbling in other spirits, such as gin or vodka, which enjoy less brand recognition and lower margins.



Farnell Electronics

FARNELL seems to have developed a taste for acquisitions. Last year's purchase of Multicomponents showed the group can absorb large additions with ease.

Multicomponents was hardly the ideal purchase, since it has low margins and its profits were being significantly overstated before it was sold. But Farnell's core distribution business is so cash generative that the group will have paid off all the £22 million debt from the deal by the end of the year. While Multicomponents may only make £4 million this year it should still enhance earnings.

This has encouraged Farnell to look for other overseas acquisitions. While its European operations are expanding steadily, the company has barely touched the vast electronic components markets in America and the Far East, and the vast bulk of group profits still come from Britain. An acquisition of a national or regional distributor in the US would give the group the critical mass it needs there to launch its catalogue sales business.

Farnell needs to expand overseas further to maintain its awesome growth record. The group's shares never look cheap, and presently trade on 17 times current year earnings forecasts. But Farnell has always produced the figures to justify its premium rating. While any further acquisitions will bring more risks, it would be unwise to bet against such an impressive growth record.

Exco

SO many new issues have plummeted from grace recently that the market is understandably nervous about Exco losing its chief executive only six months after its flotation, particularly since news of his abrupt departure was accompanied by a watered-down profit warning. The official version for Ron Sandler's departure blames rows between him and the other senior executives. This carries some weight since he was recruited from outside Exco to run a team of long-standing employees, and always appeared isolated.

Nor is the firm's mild profit caveat much of a surprise. Exco thrives on volatility in currency and interest rate markets. These have been quieter of late, compared with the hectic trading earlier in the year and that will trim second-half profits. But, barring complete global financial apathy, the firm should still make £45 million this year, a more robust performance than the merchant banks that have been firing off profit warnings. Unless the firm offers any other nasty surprises, the shares stand on a deep enough discount to the market to more than compensate for the bad news.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Dec	940-939	Mar	1055-1053
Mar	974-973	May	1064-1060
May	984-983	Jul	1084-1074
Jul	1000-999	Sep	1100-1080
Sep	1014-1012		
Dec	1032-1029	Volume:	3976

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Nov	3520-3515	Jul	3350-3340
Jan	3480-3475	Sep	3340-3320
Mar	3410-3400	Nov	3340-3320
May	3385-3375	Volume:	3316

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	334.9-33.2
Spot: 348.00		Oct	316.9-15.0
Dec	344.0-42.9	Dec	316.7-13.0
Mar	338.1-37.0	Mar	318.2-12.5
May	337.1-35.7	Volume:	1815

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 14

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB	73.35	90.92	119.08
(+/-)	+1.92	+0.46	+2.11
Eng/Wales	73.35	90.93	119.43
(+/-)	+1.92	+1.22	+2.12
(%)	-13.0	-14.0	+10.0
Scotland:	unq	90.85	115.52
(+/-)		-3.02	+1.59
(%)		-39.0	-2.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)
CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.85	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.00	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Dec)	16.00	+0.25
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.15	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.30	+0.20

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

Premium Gas .15	B: 168 (-2)	O: 170 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	150 (+1)	151 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Nov	152 (+1)	153 (+1)
Non EEC 1H Dec	153 (+2)	156 (+1)
3.5 Fuel Oil	87 (-1)	89 (-1)
Naphtha	169 (+2)	171 (+1)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)
GAS OIL

Nov	148.75-49.00	Feb	154.50-54.75
Dec	151.00-51.25	Mar	155.00-55.25
Jan	153.00-53.25	Vol:	9609

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	15.80-15.81	Feb	16.03-16.05
Dec	16.00-16.01	Mar	16.03-16.06
Jan	16.02-16.03	Vol:	14681

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)		BARLEY (close £/t)	
Nov	104.60	Nov	102.05
Jan	106.60	Jan	104.60
Mar	108.55	Mar	106.75
May	110.55	May	108.50
Jul	117.00	Sep	95.00
Volume:	434	Volume:	23

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	150.0
Apr	222.4	217.5
May	unq	240.0
		Volume: 91

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/k)
Nov 86.75-87.25

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Oct 94	1890	1885	1889
Nov 94	1890	1855	1988
Dec 94	1860	1835	1859
Jan 95	1765	1757	1760
Vol: 195 lots		Open interest:	3117

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash:	3mth:	Rudolf Wolff Vol:
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	2500.0-2501.0	2445.0-2450.0	1929375
Lead ($/tonne)	645.50-646.50	656.50-657.00	159300
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1052.0-1053.0	1072.0-1072.5	322600
Tin ($/tonne)	5350.0-5360.0	5435.0-5440.0	18720
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1698.5-1699.0	1716.0-1717.0	1828125
Nickel ($/tonne)	6597.0-6598.0	6700.0-6710.0	78270

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 94	3124.0	3163.0	3115.0	3140.0	12511
Previous open interest: 60649	Mar 95				3163.0	0
Three Month Sterling	Dec 94	93.57	93.63	93.55	93.61	17345
Previous open interest: 471817	Mar 95	92.77	92.84	92.75	92.83	15745
	Jun 95	92.18	92.27	92.17	92.26	4940
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 94				94.13	0
Previous open interest: 4272	Mar 95	93.72	93.72	93.72	93.73	50
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 94	94.80	94.84	94.76	94.82	45313
Previous open interest: 669230	Mar 95	94.52	94.60	94.46	94.58	55912
Long Gilt	Dec 94	101-16	102-17	101-12	102-13	63071
Previous open interest: 92905	Mar 95				101-16	0
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 94	107.46	107.55	107.46	107.50	1153
	Mar 95				106.77	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 94	90.22	91.17	89.97	91.04	244982
Previous open interest: 164378	Mar 95	89.25	90.33	89.25	90.24	401
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 94					
Previous open interest: 0						
Three month ECU	Dec 94	93.84	93.92	93.82	93.87	1314
Previous open interest: 19798	Mar 95	93.36	93.45	93.36	93.44	1037
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 94	95.74	95.80	95.72	95.75	6539
Previous open interest: 47288	Mar 95	95.43	95.51	95.43	95.51	6013
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 94	98.90	99.95	98.80	99.63	31304
Previous open interest: 63061	Mar 95				98.850	

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6¼ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5⅞
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5¼ ; 3 mth 5⅞ . Sell: 2 mth 5⅞ ; 3 mth 5⅞ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	6¼-6	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7
Interbank:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	6¼-6⅛	7⅛-7

Overnight: open 5¾, close 7.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5¾	n/a	5⅞	6⅜	7
Sterling CDs:	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5¾	6⅜-6⅛	6⅞-6⅝
Dollar CDs:	4.92	n/a	5.45	5.68	6.22
Building Society CDs:	5¾-5⅝	5⅞-5¾	5⅞-5⅞	6⅜-6⅛	7⅛-7

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Aug 31, 1994 Agreed rates Sep 26, 1994 to Oct 25, 1994 Scheme III: 6.82%. Reference rate July 30, 1994 to Aug 31, 1994 Scheme IV & V: 5.578%.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	4⅞-4¾	5-4¾	5⅜-5¼	5⅞-5¾	4¾-3¾
Deutschemark:	4⅞-4¾	4⅞-4¾	5⅛-5	5⅜-5¼	5-4
French Franc:	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5⅝-5½	5½-4½
Swiss Franc:	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	4¼-4	4½-4⅜	4¼-3¼
Yen:	2⅛-2	2¼-2⅛	2⅜-2¼	2⅝-2½	2¼-1½

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $389.80-389.20 Close: $389.00-389.50 High: $389.60-390.10 Low: $387.35-387.85 AM: $388.95 PM: $389.00

Krugerrand: $389.00-391.00 (£241.00-243.00)

Platinum: $416.25 (£258.95) Silver: $5.39 (£3.345) Palladium: $153.50 (£95.50)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Oct 17	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7045-2.7100	2.7059-2.7093	¼pr-par	¾-¼pr
Brussels	49.68-49.79	49.66-49.77	5-1pr	13-7pr
Copenhagen	9.4670-9.4840	9.4670-9.4820	⅛-⅜ds	⅝-2ds
Dublin	1.0090-1.0135	1.0100-1.0126	4-1pr	9-5pr
Frankfurt	2.4130-2.4180	2.4140-2.4172	¼pr-par	¾-¼pr
Lisbon	246.36-247.73	246.86-247.50	91-105ds	247-300ds
Madrid	200.45-201.20	200.89-201.19	34-42ds	93-111ds
Milan	2467.70-2476.60	2472.60-2476.60	5-7ds	17-19ds
Montreal	2.1728-2.1862	2.1831-2.1862	0.12-0.06pr	0.21-0.10pr
New York	1.6036-1.6110	1.6100-1.6110	0.07-0.06pr	0.13-0.10pr
Oslo	10.5135-10.5465	10.5140-10.5290	¼-⅛ds	1¼-2⅛ds
Paris	8.2750-8.3050	8.2880-8.3030	⅜-⅛pr	½-¼pr
Stockholm	11.6030-11.6590	11.6070-11.6320	1⅛-2⅛ds	5⅛-7⅛ds
Tokyo	157.10-157.53	157.13-157.40	⅞-⅝pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Vienna	16.97-17.04	16.98-17.02	1⅝-1pr	3⅝-1⅝pr
Zurich	2.0092-2.0153	2.0092-2.0122	⅝-½pr	1-⅝pr

Source: Extel. Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.3574-1.3579
Austria	10.57-10.58
Belgium (Com)	30.92-30.93
Canada	1.3570-1.3575
Denmark	5.8941-5.8961
France	5.1608-5.1613
Germany	1.5028-1.5033
Hong Kong	7.7272-7.7277
Ireland	1.5884-1.5899
Italy	1537.75-1538.75
Japan	97.80-97.90
Malaysia	2.5550-2.5560
Netherlands	1.6839-1.6844
Norway	6.5515-6.5545
Portugal	153.95-154.05
Singapore	1.4725-1.4735
Spain	124.98-125.03
Sweden	7.2244-7.2344
Switzerland	1.2515-1.2525

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.6039-1.6066
Australia dollar	2.1822-2.1844
Bahrain dinar	0.5995-0.6115
Brazil real*	1.3253-1.3295
Cyprus pound	0.7320-0.7420
Finland markka	7.3820-7.4980
Greece drachma	367.00-374.00
Hong Kong dollar	12.4192-12.4238
India rupee	49.88-50.84
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4720-0.4820
Malaysia ringgit	4.1064-4.1085
Mexico peso	5.40-5.50
New Zealand dollar	2.6313-2.6364
Pakistan rupee	48.68 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9620-6.0886
Singapore dollar	2.3674-2.3689
S Africa rand (fin)	6.4922-6.5446
S Africa rand (com)	5.6952-5.7036
U A E dirham	5.8355-5.9595

Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	85	Legal & Gn	1,900
ASDA Gp	3,600	Lloyds Bk	1,900
Abbey Natl	1,500	MEPC	547
Allied Dom	1,800	Marks Spr	1,900
Argyll Gp	1,300	NatWst Bk	1,100
Arjo Wiggn	1,900	Nat Power	1,700
AB Foods	303	Nth Wst W	96
BAA	1,100	P & O	2,500
BAT Inds	3,300	Pearson	807
BOC	187	PowerGen	1,300
BP	4,300	Prudential	1,700
BTR	2,000	RMC	114
BT	13,000	RTZ	1,100
Bk of Scot	1,300	Rank Org	668
Barclays	2,300	Reckitt Col	1,600
Bass	1,700	Redland	1,600
Blue Circle	909	Reed Intl	748
Boots	750	Rentokil	350
Bowater	588	Reuters	1,100
Brit Aero	5,900	Rolls Royce	479
Brit Airwys	2,400	Ryl Ins	1,100
Brit Gas	5,400	Ryl Bk Scot	1,200
Brit Steel	9,700	Sainsbury	1,700
Burmah Cstl	257	Schroders	49
Cable Wire	4,900	Scot & New	261
Cadbury	1,800	Scot Power	1,100
Caradon	309	Sears	3,600
Carlton Cms	440	Svrn Trent	340
Cm Union	342	Shell Trans	2,400
Courtaulds	461	Siebe	467
De La Rue	143	SmKl Bch	2,800
Eastern Elec	275	Smith Nph	1,300
Enterpr Oil	557	Southern Elec	88
Forte	1,600	Std Chartd	2,900
GKN	660	Sun Allnce	2,100
GRE	1,800	Tl Gp	3,100
GUS	295	TSB	959
Gen Acc	1,300	Tesco	1,900
Gen Elec	3,100	Thames W	361
Glaxo	9,200	Thrn EMI	466
Granada	1,100	Tomkins	758
Grand Met	3,000	Unilever	475
Guinness	2,200	Utd Bisc	1,600
HSBC	3,800	Vodafone	3,900
Hanson	3,800	Warburg (SG)	839
ICI	2,200	Wellcome	539
Inchcape	461	Whitbread	116
Kingfisher	384	Wlms Hld	1,000
Ladbroke	365	Wolseley	288
Land Secs	903	Zeneca	661

WALL STREET

	Oct 17 midday	Oct 14 close
AMP Inc	79¾	79¼
AMR Corp	51	50⅞
AT & T	53⅞	53⅞
Abbott Labs	31⅞	32
Aetna Life	46⅞	46¼
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅞	20⅛
Air Prod & Chem	47⅜	47⅜
Albertson's	30	29¾
Alcan Alumnm	27⅛	27⅛
Alco Standard	60⅞	60
Allied Signal	35⅛	35⅛
Alum Co of Am	86⅞	87
Amax Gold Inc	7⅛	7⅛
Amerada Hess	48⅛	48
Amer Brands	35⅞	35⅛
Amer Cyanamid	99⅞	99
Amer El Power	31⅞	31¼
Amer Express	30⅛	30⅞
Amer Genl Corp	27	27
Amer Home Pr	62⅛	62⅞
Amer Intl	90	89⅞
Amer Stores	26⅛	26⅞
Ameritech	39⅞	39⅞
Amoco	59⅞	59⅞
Anheuser-Busch	51⅛	51¼
Apple Computer	41	41⅛
Archer Daniels	27¼	27¼
Armco	6⅛	6¼
Armstrng Wrld	44	46⅛
Asarco	32⅛	33⅞
Ashland Oil	37⅛	37⅛
Atl Richfield	102⅞	100⅞
Auto Data Pro	57	57⅛
Avery Dennison	35⅛	35½
Avon Products	59⅞	60
Baker Hughes	19⅛	19¼
Baltim Gas & El	23¼	23⅞
Banc One	28⅞	29
BankAmerica	45⅞	45⅛
Bank of NY	30⅞	31
Bankers Tr NY	67⅛	66⅛
Barnett Banks	42⅞	42⅛
Bausch & Lomb	34⅛	33¼
Baxter Intl	27⅛	27⅛
Bectn Dicknsn	46¼	47
Bell Atlantic	52⅛	52⅛
BellSouth	55⅞	56⅛
Black & Decker	22⅛	22⅛
Block (H&R)	44⅛	44¼
Boeing	44⅛	44⅞
Boise Cascade	27⅛	28⅞
Borden Inc	13⅞	13¼
Bristol Myrs Sq	59	57¼
Browning Ferris	31⅛	31⅛
Brunswick	21⅞	21⅛
Burlington Nthn	51⅛	51⅛
CBS	304⅛	306
CNA Financial	60⅞	61⅛
CPC Intl	52⅞	52⅞
CSX	70	70¼
Campbell Soup	39⅞	39⅛
Can Pacific	16⅛	16⅞
Cptl Cities ABC	80¼	81⅛
Carolina Pwr	26⅛	26⅛
Caterpillar	55⅞	55⅛
Central & SW	23⅞	23⅞
Champion Intl	39⅞	39⅞
Chase Manhat	35⅞	34⅞
Chemical Bk	37⅛	37½
Chevron Corp	42⅞	42⅛
Chrysler	47	46⅛
Chubb Corp	70⅞	70⅞
Cigna Corp	63⅞	62⅞
Citicorp	43⅞	43⅛
Clorox	53	53
Coastal Corp	28	28⅞
Coca Cola	50⅛	50⅛
Colgate-Palmolive	60⅞	59¼
Columbia Gas	28⅛	27⅞
Compaq Comp	35⅞	35⅛
Comp Ass Int	48⅛	49
Conagra	31⅛	31¼
Cons Edison	25⅛	25⅛
Cons Nat Gas	37⅛	37⅛
Cons Rail	51⅞	51¼
Cooper Inds	39	39⅛
Corning Inc	32⅛	33
Crown Cork	40	40⅞
Dana Corp	26⅛	26⅞
Dayton Hudson	80⅛	80
Deere	72½	73
Delta Air Lines	44⅞	44⅛
Deluxe Corp	30⅛	30¼
Detroit Edison	26¼	26⅛
Digital Equip	28⅞	28⅞
Dillard Dept St	27⅛	26¼
Disney (Walt)	39⅛	38⅛
Dominion Res	37⅛	37⅛
Donnelley (RR)	32⅛	32⅛
Dover Corp	56⅞	56⅞
Dow Chemical	75⅞	76⅛
Dow Jones	30⅛	30⅛
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	38⅛	39
Dun & Bradstreet	59⅞	59⅞
Du Pont	59⅞	59⅞
Eastman Kodak	48⅛	49⅛
Eaton Corp	49⅛	49⅞
Emerson Elec	61⅛	62⅛
Engelhard Corp	24⅛	24⅛
Enron Corp	30⅞	31⅛
Entergy	23⅞	23⅞
Ethyl Corp	11⅛	11⅛
Exxon	60	60
FMC Corp	64⅛	64⅛
FPL Group	33	33⅛
Federal Express	63⅞	63⅞
Fed Nat Mtge	77⅛	77⅛
First Chicago	46⅞	47
First Interstate	80¼	80⅛
First Union Rlty	8	8
Fleet Finl Grp	37⅛	37⅛
Fluor Corp	47⅞	47⅞
Ford Motor	29⅞	29⅛
GTE Corp	30⅛	30⅞
Gannett	49	49⅞
Gap Inc Del	35⅞	35⅛
Gen Dynamics	44¼	44¼
Gen Electric	50⅞	50⅛
Gen Mills	57	57⅛
Gen Motors	47⅛	47⅛
Gen Reinsurance	108⅛	109
Gen Signal	34⅛	34⅛
Genuine Parts	35⅞	35⅞
Georgia Pac	77⅞	77
Gillette	73⅞	73⅞
Glaxo ADR	19⅛	19½
Goodrich (BF)	44¼	44⅛
Goodyear Tire	35⅛	35⅞
Grace (W&R)	40⅞	39⅛
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26⅛	26⅛
Great Wstn Fin	18⅛	18⅛
Halliburton	31⅛	31⅛
Harcourt General	35	34⅛
Heinz (HJ)	37⅞	37
Hercules	103⅞	103⅞
Hershey Foods	45⅛	45⅞
Hewlett Packard	91⅛	91¼
Hilton Hotels	59⅞	59⅛
Home Depot	43⅞	44¼
Homestake Mng	20⅞	20⅞
Honeywell	35	35⅞
Household Intl	36⅛	36⅛
Houston Inds	35⅛	35⅛
Humana	24	24⅛
ITT Corp	84⅞	84⅞
Illinois Tool	41⅞	42
Illinova	19⅞	19½
INCO	30	29⅞
Ingersoll Rand	34⅛	34¼
Inland Steel	37⅛	36⅛
Intel Corp	58¼	58½
IBM	73⅞	73⅞
Intl Flav & Fr	41⅞	41⅛
Intl Paper	79⅞	78¼
James River Va	23⅛	23⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	52⅞	52⅞
Kellogg	57⅛	57⅞
Kerr-McGee	45⅛	46⅛
Kimberly-Clark	58½	58⅞
Kmart	16⅛	16⅛
Knight-Ridder	51⅛	51¼
Lilly (Eli)	58⅞	58⅞
Limited Inc	18⅞	18⅞
LIN Brdcstng	136⅛	136
Lincoln Nat	36	36¼
Litton	37⅞	37⅞
Liz Claiborne	24	24
Lockheed	71⅞	71⅛
Louisiana Pac	31⅛	31¼
MCI Comm	25	25
Marriott Int	29⅞	29⅞
Marsh & McLnn	74¼	74
Masco Corp	24⅛	24⅞
May Dept St	37⅛	37⅛
Maytag Corp	16⅛	16¼
McDonalds	27¼	27⅛
McDonnell D	122⅞	121⅛
McGraw Hill	73⅞	73⅞
Mead Corp	51⅛	50⅞
Medtronic	51⅞	52⅞
Mellon Bk	56⅞	57
Melville Corp	34⅞	34⅛
Merck Inc	36⅞	36⅞
Merrill Lynch	34⅛	34⅛
Minnesota Mine	56⅛	55⅞
Mobil Corp	81⅛	81⅛
Monsanto	78⅞	78⅞
Morgan (JP)	61⅛	61⅛
Motorola Inc	54⅛	53⅞
Natl Medical	15⅞	15¼
Natl Semi	15	14⅛
Natl Service Ind	26⅞	27
Navistar Int	13	13⅞
NBD Bancorp	29⅛	29⅞
NY Times A	22⅞	22⅛
Newmont Mng	42⅞	42⅞
Niag Mohawk	13⅛	13⅛
Nike B	61⅛	61¼
NL Industries	11⅛	11⅛
Noram Energy	6⅛	6⅛
Nordstrom	46¼	45⅞
Norfolk Sthrn	63⅞	63⅞
Nthn States Pwr	43⅛	43⅛
Norwest Corp	24⅞	24⅛
Nynex Corp	38⅛	39⅛
Occidental Pet	21	20⅞
Ohio Edison	18⅛	19⅛
Oracle Systems	45⅛	44⅞
Oryx Energy Co	14⅛	14⅛
Owens Corning	32	31⅛
PNC Financial	25⅞	26⅛
PPG Industries	39⅛	39⅞
Paccar Inc	43⅞	43⅞
Pacificorp	17⅞	17⅞
Pac Enterprises	20⅞	20⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	22⅞	22⅞
Pac Telesis	31	30⅞
Pall Corp	17⅛	17⅞
Panhandle East	22⅛	22⅞
Parker Hannifin	42⅞	41⅛
Peco Energy	25⅞	25⅞
Penney (JC)	51⅛	51⅛
Pennzoil	48⅞	48⅞
Pepsico	34⅛	34⅛
Pfizer	71⅛	71⅛
Phelps Dodge	61⅞	61⅛
Philip Morris	61⅛	60⅞
Phillips Pet	34⅞	35
Pitney Bowes	35⅛	35⅞
Polaroid	35⅞	35⅞
PriceCostco	16⅛	16⅛
Procter & Gmbl	63	62⅞
Providian	31⅞	31⅛
Pub Serv E & G	26⅞	26⅞
Quaker Oats	76⅞	76⅞
Ralston Purina	41⅛	41⅛
Raychem Corp	40⅛	40⅞
Raytheon	63¼	65⅛
Reebok Intl	38⅞	37⅞
Reynolds Metals	57⅞	58⅛
Roadway Srvcs	55⅛	55⅞
Rockwell Intl	36⅞	36⅞
Rohm & Haas	59⅞	59⅞
Royal Dutch	114⅛	113¼
Rubbermaid	26	25⅞
Safeco Corp	51⅛	51⅛
St Paul's Cos	42⅞	43¼
Salomon Inc	38⅛	38⅞
Santa Fe Pac	14⅞	14⅞
Sara Lee Corp	22⅞	23⅛
Scecorp	13⅛	13⅞
Schering Plough	70⅞	70⅞
Schlumberger	56⅛	56⅞
Scott Paper	63⅞	62⅞
Seagram	30⅞	30¼
Sears Roebuck	48	47⅞
Shell Trans	70⅞	69¼
Sherwin Wllms	32⅞	32⅞
Skyline Corp	21⅛	21⅛
Snap-On-Tools	34⅞	34⅞
Southern Co	19⅞	19⅞
Sthwestern Bell	41⅛	41⅛
Sprint Corp	37⅞	38
Stanley Works	41	41⅛
Sun Company	30⅞	30⅞
Sun Microsys	31⅞	30⅞
Suntrust	49¼	48⅞
Supervalu	25⅞	25
Sysco Corp	24⅛	24⅞
TRW Inc	73⅞	72⅞
TCC Inds	2⅞	3
Tandem Comp	17⅞	17⅞
Tandy Corp	43⅞	43⅞
Teledyne	16	16
Temple Inland	54⅞	53⅞
Tenneco	45⅛	45⅞
Texaco	63¼	62⅞
Texas Inst	69⅞	68⅞
Texas Utilities	33⅞	33⅞
Textron	49⅞	50⅞
Time Warner	36⅛	36⅞
Times-Mirror	33	33⅞
Timken	37⅞	37⅞
Torchmark	42⅞	42⅞
Toys R Us	38⅞	37⅞
Transamerica	48⅞	48⅞
Travelers	32⅞	33
Tribune	53⅞	53⅞
Tyco Labs	47¼	47
UST Inc	28⅞	28⅞
UAL	85⅞	85⅞
USX Marathon	17⅞	17⅞
Unicom	22	22
Unilever NV	118⅛	117⅞
Union Camp	49⅞	49⅞
Union Carbide	33⅞	33⅞
Union Pacific	51⅛	51⅞
Unisys Corp	10⅞	10⅞
USAIR Group	4⅛	4⅞
USF&G Corp	13⅛	13⅞
US Life	32⅞	32⅞
US West	38⅞	38⅞
United Tech	63⅞	64
Unocal Corp	28⅞	28⅞
Upjohn	33⅞	33⅞
VF Corp	50⅞	50⅞
WMX Tech	29⅞	29
Wal-Mart Stores	23⅞	24¼
Warner-Lambert	79⅞	79⅞
Wells Fargo	149⅞	149⅞
Westinghouse El	13	13
Weyerhaeuser	41⅛	41⅛
Whirlpool	52⅞	52⅞
Whitman	16⅞	16⅞
Winn Dixie	51⅛	51⅛
Woolworth	16⅛	16⅛
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	42⅞	43⅛
Xerox	111	110⅞
Yellow Corp	19⅞	19⅞

LIFFE OPTIONS

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom.	550	14½	—	—	6	—	—
(*595½)	650	1½	—	—	45	—	—
Argyll	260	9	18½	26½	3½	15	18½
(*265)	280	2½	9½	17	12	26½	30½
ASDA	60	6½	8½	10½	1	3	4½
(*65)	70	1	3	5½	6	8	10
Boots	500	34	43	56	1½	9	16½
(*531)	550	2½	16	29½	22	35½	41
Br Airways	360	25	35½	46	1½	12½	17
(*381½)	390	4½	18½	30½	13	26½	32
BP	420	8½	23	33½	6	18½	25
(*421½)	460	1	7½	16½	40½	45	49½
Br Steel	160	6½	13½	20	2½	8	10½
(*164)	180	1	5½	11½	17½	20	22
C & W	390	29½	42	54	1½	14	21
(*415)	420	6½	25½	38	11½	27½	34½
CU	543	9	31½	39½	7½	21½	34
(*549½)	592	1	12	20½	49½	53½	67
ICI	800	25½	52½	67½	5	23½	43½
(*818)	850	3	27	43	36½	51	71
Kingfisher	500	11½	30	47	8½	23½	33
(*500)	550	1½	13	26½	52	57	63
Land Sec	600	30½	41	52	1½	11	16
(*627)	650	2	15½	26½	26½	37½	42
M & S	420	9	23½	33½	4½	16	21½
(*424)	460	1	8	15½	37½	43	46
Nat West	500	14	34½	45	6	21½	36
(*507)	550	1	13½	23	45½	51	67
Sainsbury	390	17½	31	42½	3½	16½	21
(*403)	420	3	16½	27½	20½	33	36
Shell	700	34	52½	61	2	11½	23
(*730)	750	3	22½	32½	24	33½	49
Smkl Bch	420	18	31½	41	3½	16	24
(*435)	460	1	13½	23	28	39½	46
Storehse	200	10½	16½	22	1½	7½	12½
(*207½)	220	1½	7	12½	15	19	24
Trafalgar	60	10½	13	15½	1	3½	5
(*68)	90	2½	7	9½	4½	7½	9½
Unilever	1150	19	51	67	11	35½	53½
(*1156½)	1200	3½	27½	43½	49	65	93
Zeneca	800	38	65	74½	3	18½	34
(*832½)	850	6½	36	48	24½	42	60

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Grnd Met	420	19½	31	39	10½	23	29½
(*420½)	460	5	14	22½	38½	48	50
Ladbroke	140	20½	26	29	2	4½	7½
(*156½)	160	7	14½	18	9	13	17
Utd Bisc	300	19	29½	33½	5½	9½	18½
(*310½)	330	5½	15½	18½	24	26½	36½

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	500	14	26	38	4½	15½	21
(*509½)	525	3	14½	25½	22	29½	33½
Thames W	500	30½	40	51½	1½	15½	19½
(*526½)	550	2½	16	28	26½	42½	47

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
BAT Ind	420	43½	54	62	3	9	18½
(*450)	460	14½	28	37	16½	26	37
BTR	300	23½	33	37½	4	8½	14½
(*317½)	330	6½	16½	22	18	23½	30½
Br Aero	460	52	68	74½	10	20½	26
(*498)	500	27½	45½	53½	26½	37½	45½
Br Telecom	390	18½	24	32	6	15½	19
(*400)	420	5	10	18½	24	34	36½
Cadbury	420	32	43	48½	3½	8½	17
(*444½)	460	8½	21	26½	23	27½	37½
Guinness	460	17	31½	38½	9½	16	25½
(*465½)	500	4	13½	19½	38½	43½	49½
GEC	280	19½	24½	30½	3	8	11½
(*294½)	300	7	13½	19½	11½	17½	20
Hanson	220	20	23½	26	2½	6½	8½
(*236)	240	6½	12	15	9	15½	18½
LASMO	134	20½	—	—	3	—	—
(*151)	154	6½	—	—	9½	—	—
Lucas	190	15½	21	25½	3½	7½	12
(*199½)	200	5	10	15½	14½	18½	22½
Pilkington	180	14½	17½	23½	3½	7½	11
(*199)	200	4	8	13½	14½	19½	22½
Prudential	300	17	26½	30	6½	11½	19
(*309)	330	4	12½	15½	25	28½	36½
Redland	460	35	51½	59	5½	13	26
(*486)	500	12½	29	37½	23½	30½	48
Royal Ins	280	20½	30	36½	7	13½	19½
(*291)	300	9½	19½	26½	17	23½	30
Tesco	220	20½	26½	31½	3	6½	11½
(*235)	240	7½	14½	20	11½	17	21
Vodafone	200	17½	23	28½	4	9	12½
(*212)	217	7	14	—	11½	17½	—
Williams	325	25½	—	—	3½	—	—
(*344)	354	7½	—	—	16	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3120½)	3000	3050	3100	3150	3200	3250
Calls						
Oct	134	85	41	15	3½	1½
Nov	160	122	88	59	39	25
Dec	185	148	117	87	60	46
Jan	211	175	145	116	94	73
Jun	280	—	220	—	170	—
Puts						
Oct	2½	5	15	39	83	133
Nov	24	36	52	74	106	142
Dec	45	59	79	100	128	160
Jan	61	76	96	117	145	175
Jun	107	—	145	—	195	—

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Abby Nat	390	36	45	49	6½	16	21½
(*414)	420	15	27½	32½	19	31	36½
Amstrad	25	4½	6	6½	1½	2½	3
(*28)	30	2	3	4	4	5½	6
Barclays	550	42	55	62½	12½	25½	32½
(*572)	600	16	29	38½	38	52½	60
Blue Circ	280	25	33	39	7	11½	21½
(*294½)	300	13½	22	28½	16	21	31
Br Gas	280	21½	29	33½	5	11	17
(*291½)	300	10	18	23	15½	19½	27
Dixons	200	17	22	27½	9	15½	19
(*208)	220	9	13	18½	22	28	31
Forte	220	23½	29½	33	4	8	12½
(*235½)	240	10½	17	22	14	16½	22½
Hillsdwn	160	30½	24½	27	3½	5½	9
(*177)	180	7½	13	16	12	14½	20½
Lonrho	130	13½	16½	19	6½	10½	12
(*135)	140	8	12	14½	11½	16	17
Sears	100	10½	13	15	2½	5	7
(*105½)	110	4½	8	9½	7½	10½	13
Thrn Eml	1000	43½	59½	81	26½	44½	52½
(*1005½)	1050	19½	36½	59	56½	73	80
Tomkins	200	26½	31	36½	3½	6½	9½
(*219½)	220	13	19	25½	11	15½	18
TSB	200	24	27	30½	3½	8½	11½
(*217)	220	11½	15	19	11½	18½	21½
Wellcome	650	58	78	89	19	32	45
(*679½)	700	30½	51½	63½	44	56½	69

Series		Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Glaxo	600	22	49½	62½	5	36	42
(*615)	650	2	26	38½	38½	54	69
HSBC	700	25½	57½	69½	7	31	54
(*716)	750	4½	33½	46	38½	59	82½
Reuter	462½	12½	—	—	9½	—	—
(*467½)	475	6½	—	—	14	—	—

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
R-Royce	180	11	16	21½	5½	10½	15
(*183½)	200	3½	9	12½	19	22½	26½

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Fisons	110	11	15½	18½	6½	8½	11
(*114½)	120	6½	11	14½	13	14½	16

Series		Calls Nov	Calls Feb	Calls May	Puts Nov	Puts Feb	Puts May
Eastern Gp	700	57	75½	91	10½	25	34
(*742½)	750	26½	47	64½	30½	46½	56½

Series		Calls Dec	Calls Mar	Calls Jun	Puts Dec	Puts Mar	Puts Jun
Natl Pwr	460	39	50	61	10	17½	26½
(*487)	500	16½	28½	40	30	36½	46
Scot Pwr	330	38	45	52½	9	16½	19½
(*354)	360	21	28½	38	22½	30½	34½

October 17, 1994 Tot: 22848 Call: 12663 Put: 10185 FT-SE Call: 4962 Put: 5887
*Underlying security price.

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Joys of the canteen

THE run-of-the-mill staff restaurant may not come up to the table cloth at the Savoy Grill, but employees who use them are receiving a perk worth at least £900 a year, according to management consultant Touche Ross. *Its 27th survey* of catering prices, costs and subsidies in employee restaurants, undertaken for the first time in conjunction with the Industrial Society, covered 800 sites, 980 dining rooms and half a million employees. The survey found that despite a trend towards single-status dining, 40 per cent of companies still operate more than one dining room, and the current economic climate has meant more employees than ever are eating company food. While the majority of companies offer catering services as a general policy, 30 per cent do so "to keep staff on the premises". Meanwhile, luncheon vouchers are alive and well, though any voucher worth more than 15p is taxable. One respondent has had the same contractor for 55 years, and, on average, each seat in the dining room is occupied 2.25 times a day. Meanwhile, the price of the humble egg has risen from 11p in 1988 to 16p, which probably explains why some people still bring sandwiches into the office.



A foreign land

OVERLOOKING the sea to the north of Robin Hood's Bay in North Yorkshire, Lord Healey and Tom Gallagher, who took over as chief executive of Yorkshire Bank in July, met to inspect a dry stone-walling project, which the bank has funded for the National Trust. The incorrigible lord, while introducing Gallagher, a Kiwi from Wellington, New Zealand, into the skilled art of dry stone walling, also gave him some valuable advice about Yorkshire. "First, remember that Yorkshire is not in England, and secondly remember Africa begins at Sheffield."

Empire man

WHICH brings me to a new book detailing, in full colour, 32 stately British homes. *Great Houses of England & Wales*, (Laurence King Publishing, £39.50), acknowledges the help of various dukes, duchesses, marquesses, viscounts, and lords, has photographs by Christopher Simon Sykes and a text by Hugh Montgomery-Massingberd. Frightfully British, until you reach the back fly-leaf which says "Printed in Singapore". Asked for his view, Montgomery-Massingberd said: "I have always considered Singapore part of the Empire."

Lloyd's link

LLOYD'S names need no reminding of the dictum that they are liable down to their last cufflink. Ironic, then, that a notice has gone up in the Lloyd's building that Jenny Knott Silver will be selling a selection of antique and modern cufflinks at a fraction of normal retail prices tomorrow at Lloyd's in conference room four.

COLIN CAMPBELL

Directors torn between greed and fair reward

Responsibility, risk and success are what justify rich executive pickings, says Jon Ashworth



Chief protagonists in the debate: (above) Bob Bauman, SmithKline Beecham; Alastair Ross Goobey, PosTel; Sir Paul Girolami, Glaxo; (below) Greg Hutchings, Tomkins; Liam Strong, Sears; Lord Young, Cable and Wireless

Hardly a day goes by without some scathing reference to executive pay. Over the past ten years, senior UK directors have seen their basic pay increase by more than twice as much as that of ordinary employees — before bonuses and other elements of the executive package are taken into account. Departing directors are sent on their way with enormous golden handshakes to ease the pain.

Some names have taken on a familiar ring: Bob Bauman, of SmithKline Beecham; Sir Paul Girolami, of Glaxo; Greg Hutchings of Tomkins; Lord Young of Cable and Wireless. But are these the "undeserving rich", as Labour would have it, or hard-working men (and a handful of women) who deserve every penny?

Huge disparities continue to emerge between the pay rises secured by senior executives and the returns enjoyed by shareholders. Banks, retailers and the privatised utilities are among the worst offenders. Or take a company such as United Biscuits. Sir Robert Clarke, the chairman, saw his pay increase by 108 per cent, to £751,000, between 1990 and 1993, according to research by Datastream. Shareholder value fell by 10 per cent during the same period.

Liam Strong, the chief executive of Sears, saw his salary double over a period in which shareholders saw a return of 26 per cent, and the average remuneration of Sears employees rose just 12 per cent, according to Datastream. David Band, the chief executive of Barclays de Zoete Wedd, saw his package rise 160 per cent, to £1.4 million, compared with a return to shareholders of 42 per cent.

Shareholders who wish to arm themselves ahead of the next annual meeting will find ample ammunition in *Just Reward? The Truth About Top Executive Pay* (Kogan Page, £25). Anthony Williams, a former partner in Hay Management Consultants, picks out the main ingredients of the corporate pay package and attempts to put them into context.

Between 1984 and 1993, we learn, junior professionals saw their base salaries rise by an average of 89.3 per cent. Senior executives enjoyed an average rise of 241.9 per cent — before annual bonuses, share options, pension entitlements and other perks.

Williams's analysis ties in with the latest research by Bacon & Woodrow, which suggests that total directors' pay packages can exceed their basic pay by well over 200 per cent. Earnings differentials between successful and struggling companies are widening as performance-related pay becomes a larger part of the remuneration mix. Over the past year, chief executives enjoyed average basic salary increases of 8.5 per cent, up from 6.2 per cent in the previous period.

A surprising number of executives continue to enjoy three-year rolling contracts, despite growing dissent among City institutions, led by Alastair Ross Goobey of PosTel. Of 954 directors questioned by Bacon & Woodrow, 39 per cent were on contracts running three years or more.

So how does one go about assessing whether directors are worth their money? First, distinguish between basic salary, bonuses, options and other elements of the executive package. Next, consider whether the board has been successful or not. Have goals been achieved? What quality of decisions has emerged from the boardroom?

> Shareholders and boards too often display 'us and them' attitudes

Inevitably, any debate on executive pay will eventually home in on Britain's privatised utilities. Senior directors of the water and electricity companies saw their pay packages leap by as much as 106 per cent in the transition from public to private hands. Ian Preston, the chief executive of Scottish Power, saw his pay increase from £63,175 before privatisation, in 1991, to £255,218 in 1993-94. Sir Desmond Pitcher earns £338,000 as chairman of North West Water. His predecessor earned a mere £47,000 at privatisation five years ago.

There is, Williams says, a strong case for the higher levels of pay at the privatised utilities. Executives are more exposed than they were before and have a wider range of responsibilities. Private-sector pay levels have traditionally been higher than those in the public sector. Outside constraints no longer apply.

But he dismisses the often-voiced argument that companies need to match private-sector pay levels to attract management talent from outside. Instances of such headhunting, he says, have not been nearly as widespread as some have suggested. A large carrot may be needed to persuade kingpins such as a finance director or chief executive to sign up with a privatised utility. It is less clear that all other executive directors should have their remuneration raised to comparable levels.

Ultimately, one is left with that all-important body: the remuneration committee. Whether it is an effective check on the boardroom, Williams says, comes down to the relationship between its chairman and the company's chief executive. They must be able to work together closely, but not allow friendship to cloud their judgment. They must be able to disagree, but not at the expense of their working relationship — a delicate balance.

The remuneration committee, if it works, should keep boardrooms free from the subtle kinds of abuse found in all too many companies. This abuse, says Williams, frequently stems "from the attitudes and actions of the chief executive, aided and abetted by those dependent on him for their careers, advancement and pay."

Sadly, the "us and them" relationship between directors and shareholders seems to be as deeply entrenched as ever. The prevailing attitude is summed up by the chairman of a remuneration committee who told Williams: "If you disclose more information about executive pay, then you will only get more silly questions at the AGM." Such an approach is neither helpful nor wise, Williams concludes.

High rewards must be seen to be justified. Directors must take on enough responsibility to justify what they earn, and then deliver the goods. They must be seen to be performing. There must also be some significant risk — putting their own money into the company, for instance. Those who neglect these basic pointers, Williams says, do so at their peril.

The book is spoilt by a couple of clumsy errors. Williams manages to misspell Sir Allen Sheppard's first and last names on the very first page. Worse, he describes Sir John Quinton, former chairman of Barclays Bank, as Sir John Quinlan. One can only hope that he has done his financial homework more carefully.

Just Reward? The Truth About Top Executive Pay is out on October 20.

Destruction and error are success recipe

Firms must break themselves into smaller units and set managers free in order to thrive, says a business guru

BIG companies must smash old-fashioned management practices to survive in a fast-changing world. The company of the future should see itself as a collection of business units, each offering personal service to match *your local corner shop*.

Tom Peters, the American management consultant and author of *In Search of Excellence* — which spent a year heading America's bestseller list — envisages a culture in which companies thrive by constantly destroying themselves. These companies break down layers of management, and encourage those on the front line to go out on a limb.

Speaking to Sir David Frost in *Beyond Hierarchy*, one of a series of management videos co-sponsored by *The Times*, Peters voices the thinking behind *Liberation Management*, a book aimed at managers in the 1990s. Companies will be able to thrive only by opening themselves to perpetual destruction, ready "to abandon everything that they've learnt", he says. Companies can ill afford inaction. In 1981, Peters says, 2,600 new grocery and pharmaceutical products went on American shelves. A decade on, it was 16,100 a year. "Standing still is going back at nearly the speed of light in today's market," he says. "You can't have one of these very steep hierarchies that simply impedes decision-making."

> Standing still is going back at nearly the speed of light today

Big companies, he says, should split into groupings of perhaps 50 to 60 people each. The 15, 16, or 17 layers of management in some old-fashioned companies need to be stripped out, facilitating speedier service and better rapport with customers. Peters favours "internal perestroika", in which internal company units would face the same commercial pressure as rivals and risk going out of business.

Front-line managers should be encouraged to make mistakes — and outrageous ones, too. Only by encouraging such a culture will companies have a chance to move forward.

In *Corporate Culture*, a second video in the series and introduced by the late Brian Redhead, Peters develops the theme, comparing a high-tech company such as Microsoft with an industrial giant such as General Motors, with assets of $125 billion. Microsoft has assets of $2 billion, yet, in 1992, its stock market value *outstripped that of* GM. Microsoft, with "human imagination" for assets rather than factories and plant, is seen as a radical departure from typical multinationals — "dull, sluggish and boring organisations".

When products can become obsolete in weeks, there is no place for companies "encrusted with bureaucrats". Perhaps 38 in 40 middle managers are surplus.

Germany shows the gains to be made by small, focused companies, Peters says. One, with 11 employees, has half the world market in its product. "Vigorous domestic rivalry" is needed, Peters says, not giant Euro-mergers that just link one "clumsy, rotten, bureaucratic" company with another. "The challenge in dealing with Europe is not necessarily to be big, but to be phenomenally good," he says.

The launch of the videos, in association with Just Results, provides a welcome package for trainers and managers alike. Other videos in the series feature Redhead talking with David Clutterbuck, former editor of *International Management* and author of *The Winning Streak*, and Andrew Kakabadse, a professor at Cranfield Management College.

In *The Mentor Dimension*, Clutterbuck says that even chief executives need a more experienced person to aid career development, "passing on knowledge . . . that people wouldn't normally think to write down."

More effective working with your boss and subordinates is Kakabadse's topic in *Influencing People*. In today's "flatter" structures, he says, managers often have more than one boss and may be in several teams.

In *Measuring Customer Satisfaction*, the fifth video in the series, Clutterbuck explains why companies must use new techniques to learn what customers really value.

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Protecting pension fund benefits after a winding-up

From Mr C. C. Patel

Sir, Pennington (October 14) highlightened the plight of the Swan Hunter pension fund, and stated that the inability to meet the members' full entitlements was due to the funding of the scheme having ignored the possibility of a winding-up arising. Although I have no means of knowing whether this was the main cause of the problem in this case, it is an all too common failing of many of the traditional methods of actuarial funding.

There has been a continuing debate for more than 20 years in the actuarial profession about this problem. During this period, more and more actuaries have changed to funding methods which consider explicitly not only the benefits whilst the scheme is on-going but also those that are intended to apply should the scheme wind up at any time in the future.

Although no actuary can give a cast-iron guarantee, by using these methods benefits should be reasonably protected regardless of the future financial performance of the sponsoring company. For schemes where this approach has been followed, the proposed minimum solvency requirement should have little impact. What the proposed standard should ensure is that all actuaries do pay more attention to the possible dangers which may arise if a scheme winds up.

Yours faithfully,
C. C. PATEL
(Fellow of the Institute of Actuaries),
Godwins Ltd,
Briarcliff House,
Kingsmead,
Farnborough,
Hampshire.

Duty to mitigate loss

From Mr George Tuck

Sir, In 1980, having been employed as a director, with a three-year rolling contract, my employment was terminated due to company reorganisation. My employer, having "taken legal advice", notified me that, as at age 50 I should be able to gain new employment within a year, their liability was limited to one year's salary "as you have a duty to mitigate your loss". Does this duty no longer apply to chairmen and directors today?

Yours faithfully,
GEORGE TUCK,
14 Elmdon Road,
Selly Park,
Birmingham.

Gift rapped

From Mr Dai Davies

Sir, Mr Gunner wonders in Weekend Money Letters, October 8, "how the Bank can possibly afford such generosity" as providing staff and pensioners with a free diary to mark the existence of 25 years of National Westminster Bank.

If Mr Gunner has been in a branch of that bank he will know how staff are under-resourced, in worn-out uniform, training agency workers late into the night. Providing a diary is easy when you're saving the salaries of 20,000 staff!

Yours faithfully,
DAI DAVIES,
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NatWest Staff Association,
Churchill Court,
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Dorset.

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C&G's qualifying day

From Flight Lieutenant David Gale

Sir, I have received a letter from Cheltenham and Gloucester Building Society as an investing member who is not going to benefit from Lloyds Bank's acquisition of my share of the society.

The letter states that I am "unfortunately among those whom the law rules out from receiving payment". The society is placing the blame on the High Court ruling entirely.

But the Building Societies Commission has written to my MP as follows: "The choice of the qualifying day for the calculation of the two-year period is a matter for the society. It will be one of the terms of the transfer proposed by the board and subject to the approval of the members".

There is thus no legal barrier whatsoever to the C&G putting back the final qualifying date from the present December 31, 1994, to, say, June 1995, the completion day. This would bring a lot more people into the payment scheme, and save the C&G a great deal of opprobrium.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID GALE,
43 Halesowen Road,
Dudley,
West Midlands.

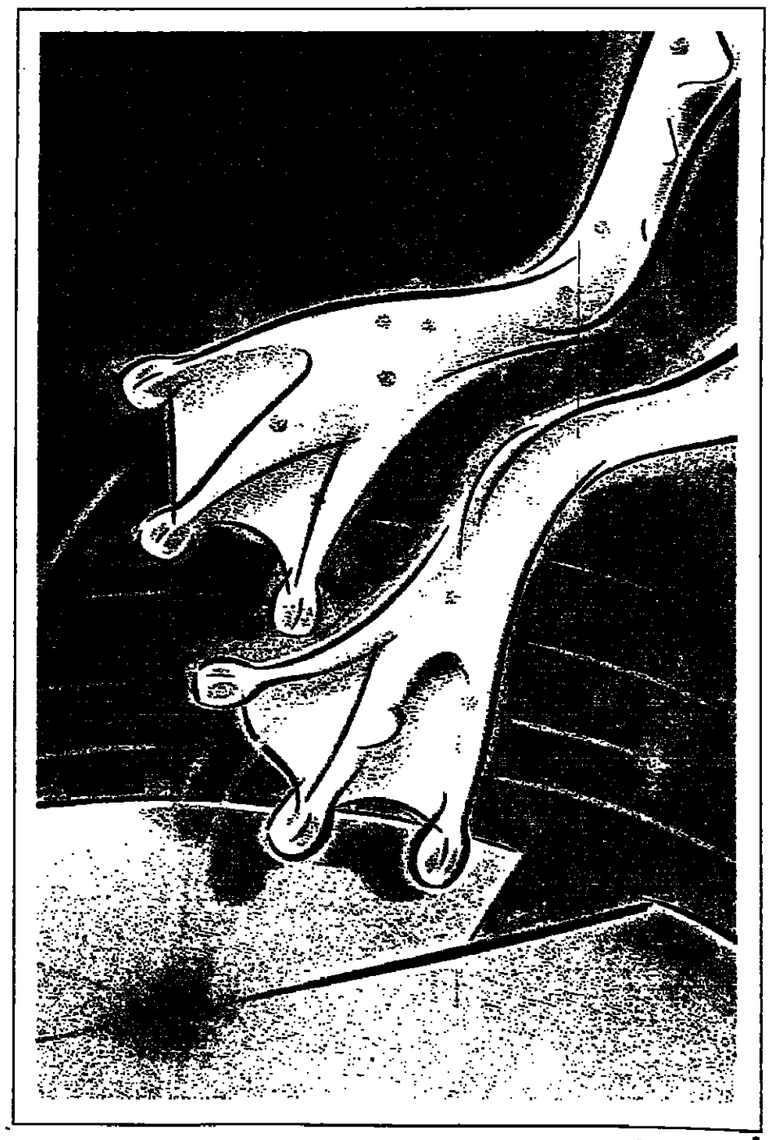
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Exempt	977.00	£10.44†	+0.30	1.77
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Property Share	64.53	68.89	-0.06	1.66
UK Emerging Cos	62.47	66.69	+0.01	1.85
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Energy	426.30	455.20	-3.70	0.22
Europe	225.00	239.90	+0.20	0.46
Euro Smlr Cos	104.00	111.00	+0.70	0.85
Income Gwth	332.30	354.60†	+0.20	4.44
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500.0	434.10	464.30	+0.10	2.35
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Income	508.90	544.20	-0.20	4.12
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Intl Income	62.45	66.44	-0.14	3.58
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Smlr Cos Inc	41.33	44.32	+0.17	1.86
Special Sits	267.80	286.40	-0.10	1.57
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Japan Spec Sits	88.67	93.93	-0.22	...
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Eastern	291.10	313.50	-2.50	0.10
Equity Income	87.21	92.77	+0.15	5.00
European Growth	288.70	306.50	+0.80	1.00
Europe	215.40	229.70	+1.00	0.60
German Growth	70.95	75.48	+0.26	0.10
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Global Growth	122.70	131.00	-0.90	...
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Income & Gwth Inc	26.24	28.06†	+0.09	4.41
Intnl Gwth	30.61	32.73	+0.04	0.13
Japan Gwth	28.93	30.94	-0.17	...
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UK Growth Tst	24.84	26.56	+0.03	2.35
Royal Scottish Assurance				
Cap Hse Global Inc	71.21	76.16	-0.25	1.36
Cap Hse UK Inc	66.33	70.94	+0.13	2.47
Exempt (E)	28.84	30.70	...	1.76
Formerly Brown Shipley				
Financial	139.60	149.30	...	1.66
Foundation	88.95	95.13†	+0.05	2.35
German	51.19	54.49	+0.60	...
High Income	72.40	77.43†	+0.38	5.69
Mngd Pfolio Inc	101.70	108.70	...	1.07
Mngd Pfolio Acc	194.40	207.90	...	1.07
Monthly Income	80.60	86.20	+0.09	4.10

CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
3 Copthall Avenue, London EC2R 7BH
071 606 0708

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cazenove Portfolio	80.51	85.95	+0.15	2.37
American Portfolio	85.16	90.72	+0.63	1.24
European Portfolio	93.42	99.36†	+0.40	0.90
Japanese Portfolio	69.89	74.31	-0.28	...
Pacific Portfolio	142.37	153.09	-0.87	0.76
UK Inc & Growth	72.77	78.07†	+0.25	3.68
Utility & Bond	55.27	55.86	+0.31	6.13

CENTURY UNIT TRUSTS LTD
5 Old Bailey, London EC4M 7BA 071 332 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK General Tst	63.72	67.78	+0.16	2.95

CHARTERED ASSET MGMT LTD
151 Farringdon Rd, London EC1R 3AD
071 837 7667

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	131.20	142.63	...	...
UK Income	105.46	114.87	..	5.233

CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Beckman Intl	71.07	75.30†	...	2.22
Beck Bio-Tech	26.35	29.35	...	...
Acorn Ethical Tst	146.95	154.68	...	1.31
City Fin Assets	67.87	72.20†	-1.04	1.08
City Fin America	80.06	84.27	...	...
City Fin Intl	76.64	80.67	...	0.49
City Fin Japan	174.89	184.09	...	...
Friars Hse Cap	261.43	282.63	+5.77	1.51
Friars Hse Inc	195.60	208.09	+3.65	3.91
Buckley Wrld Grth	132.50	140.98†	...	0.09
Fairmnt Cap Gth	139.75	147.11	...	...
-do- Inc & Gth	107.43	113.08	...	1.59
Fairmount Intl	157.18	165.45	...	...
City Fin Pflo Inc	54.22	57.68	...	4.26

CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
10 Eastcheap, London EC3M 1AJ 0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Emerging Markets	57.93	61.46	-0.09	...

CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH 0800 373 393

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	52.80	56.47	-0.61	...
Atlas Mngd Gwth	36.35	38.88	-0.23	0.21
Dragon Growth	71.37	76.33	-0.49	0.20
Equity High Inc	79.93	85.03†	+0.24	3.90
European Gwth	49.77	52.95	+0.41	0.83
Evergreen	28.54	30.52	-0.20	...
General Equity	79.96	84.84	+0.17	2.57
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	23.84	25.07†	+0.08	8.19
Japan Growth	54.89	58.71	-0.08	...
Pedigree Gwth	48.77	51.88	+0.12	2.63
Ped Sm Cos Inc	30.18	32.11	...	1.10
Retirement Inc	25.26	27.02	+0.13	5.54
Special Sits	36.49	39.03	...	1.85
UK & Overseas	47.41	50.44	-0.06	1.09

COLONIAL MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
Chatham Maritime, Kent ME4 4YY
0634 898 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Capital	64.30	68.76†	+0.27	2.31
Income	58.18	62.22†	+0.18	4.24

COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT INTERNATIONAL LTD
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 2ZQ 081 686 9888
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	153.20	162.98†	+0.03	5.50
Fixed & Convertible	38.74	41.21†	+0.07	7.64
Monthly Inc Plus	46.69	49.67	...	9.02
Preference Share	44.83	47.69†	-0.02	7.89
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	119.72	127.36†	+0.21	7.34
Managed Fund	65.26	69.43†	...	2.56
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	38.64	41.11	-0.01	1.65
UK & General	75.88	80.72†	-0.37	2.38
UK Growth	134.19	142.76	...	2.39
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	185.84	197.70	+0.40	0.25
Far Eastern Grth	137.98	146.79	-1.94	...
Global Bond	75.94	80.71†	+0.28	6.48
Japan Growth	129.45	137.71	-0.74	...
North Amer Grth	150.09	159.67	-1.31	...
Oriental Growth	80.17	85.29	-0.36	...
Worldwide Growth	62.80	66.81†	...	0.08
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	91.59	91.59†	+0.04	4.65
Homemaker Fund	75.70	80.53	+0.12	1.88
Quilter Fund	125.52	133.53	+0.21	2.93

CONFEDERATION FUNDS MGMT LTD
Lytton Way, Stevenage, Herts SG1 2NN
0438 744 840

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Inc	56.71	60.32	+0.15	3.00
High Income	32.37	34.43†	+0.09	4.80
Japan	37.39	39.77	-0.21	...
Smaller Cos Inc	30.04	31.95	-0.01	2.40
Smaller Cos	31.50	33.51	-0.01	2.40
North American	31.73	33.79	-0.34	0.40
European	36.34	38.65	+0.23	0.50

CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yd, London Bridge SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Consistent UT	29.81	31.97	...	3.38

COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD
1 King St, Manchester M60 3AH 0800 526 358

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	138.10	147.00	+0.30	1.99
Income	69.22	73.64	+0.10	5.02
European	59.82	63.64	-0.12	0.93
Recovery	142.80	152.00	-0.20	1.83

CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD
78-80 Cornhill, London EC3V 3NJ 071 283 9494

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	769.50	783.40†	...	4.08

CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
0277 690 370

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Fellowship Tst	67.58	71.89	-0.19	1.36
Income	225.40	239.70	-4.10	4.85
Smaller Cos	144.50	153.70	-0.10	0.87
Inv Portfolio	76.36	81.09	-0.19	1.47
High Income Port	66.53	70.77	+0.87	4.90

DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3XS
071 410 0177

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Euro Small Cos	£15.11	£15.48	...	...
Japan Small Cos	£13.03	£13.29	...	...
UK Small Cos	£17.27	£18.02	...	...
US Small Cos	£15.66	£16.11	...	...

DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS
66 Wilson Street, London EC2A 2BL
071 377 8819

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Disc Inc	199.60	210.20	...	2.72

DUNEDIN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
25, Ravelston Terrace, Edinburgh 031 315 2500

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Gwth	268.70	284.20	+2.50	0.98
New Asia	220.50	236.00†	-1.80	...
Japan Growth	128.50	136.70†	-0.60	...
Jap Smllr Co	542.10	576.10	-1.60	...
Nth Amer	239.90	254.10	-1.40	0.93
Shlfrd Asia Pac Mt	123.20	130.30	-1.00	0.35
UK Inc & Grth	204.80	219.00†	+0.40	2.75

EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ 0242 577 555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Balanced Inc	135.80	144.50	-0.50	1.85
UK High Inc Inc	145.90	155.30	-0.30	4.64
UK Pref & F I Inc	56.48	59.96	-0.03	5.23
Envrnmntl Opps	80.73	85.88†	-0.07	1.09

EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD
97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh
0345 090 526

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	115.60	122.70	-1.00	1.43
Convertibles	20.47	21.75†	-0.08	7.36
Equity Income	122.30	129.90†	...	4.08
EuroFund	44.01	46.69	+0.01	0.43
Financial	44.90	47.71†	-0.21	1.68
Growth & Inc	224.80	238.90	+0.70	3.22
High Dist	150.20	159.60	...	4.70
International	397.80	422.70	-0.20	0.12
Int Cap Inc	93.91	100.20†	-0.20	2.99
Latin American	49.84	52.95	-0.37	...
Pacific	90.38	96.07†	-0.57	...
Preference Share	21.54	22.89†	-0.02	7.21
Tokyo	243.10	257.90†	-1.20	..
UK Smaller Cos	214.50	227.90	+0.20	1.21

ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD
28 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RL
071 242 0242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Elcon Trust	207.74	222.08	+3.33	0.99

ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU
071 373 7261

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Endurance Fd	199.20	211.90†	..	0.51

EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks HP21 7QN
0296 431 480

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	77.49	81.57	-0.07	1.68
Ethical Tst	44.45	46.79	-0.30	1.24
Far Eastern	308.91	325.17	-1.84	1.63
High Income	129.90	136.74	+0.43	4.71
Intl Growth	118.25	124.47	-0.58	1.33
North American	105.06	110.59†	-1.08	1.18
Pelican	112.75	118.68†	+0.52	3.24
Smaller Cos	68.78	72.40	+0.13	2.31
Special Sits	86.17	90.70†	+0.23	2.41
Tst of Inv Tsts	182.64	192.25	+0.06	1.46

EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Smaller Cos Inc	203.88	214.46†	-0.15	1.39
Smaller Cos Acc	360.32	375.33†	-0.27	1.39
Recovery	52.52	54.71	-0.15	1.19
Recovery Acc	52.85	54.84	-0.15	1.19

EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD
23 Cathedral Yard, Exeter EX1 1HB
0392 412 144

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	107.02	113.62	+0.31	5.96
Capital Growth	81.37	87.26†	-0.10	...
Fd of Inv Tsts	44.78	47.77	...	0.61
High Income	44.57	47.55†	...	9.67
Warrant	58.57	63.68†	-0.13	...
Zero Preference	34.68	36.80	-0.03	...

FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD
16 West Street, Brighton BN1 2RE 0273 220 707

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Family Asset Tst	73.46	78.15†	-0.22	2.43
Family Income Tst	47.49	47.49†	+0.01	5.64
Family Trust	84.52	89.91†	...	1.06
United Charities	253.10	269.80†	-0.10	2.71

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD
130 Tonbridge Rd, Tonbridge TN11 9DZ
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161
Broker Dealings: 0800 414 181

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00	.	4.60
Bond Funds				
Gilt & Fxd Int	26.26	26.51†	...	8.10
Intl Bond	27.01	28.04	-0.06	5.43
Income Funds				
High Income	24.94	26.24†	...	5.37
Income Plus	110.40	117.40	+0.10	3.72
Amer Eq Inc	45.06	47.72	-0.28	1.04
European Income	42.13	44.80	+0.33	2.13
Far East Inc	61.84	65.89	-0.32	2.36
Global Convertible	22.13	23.61†	-0.08	3.70

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Div Grth	23.29	24.77	+0.07	1.26
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	67.31	71.80†	+0.03	...
American	223.10	236.70	-2.40	...
Amer Spec Sits	108.10	115.40	-1.00	...
Japan Smaller Cos	43.73	46.65	-0.10	...
European	162.70	173.00†	+1.30	...
European Opps	61.89	65.81	+0.38	...
Global Priv	24.25	25.77	-0.12	1.40
UK Growth	86.52	92.00	-0.02	...
Growth & Inc	140.90	149.90	...	2.61
Intl PEP	35.99	37.85	-0.01	...
Japan Spec Sits	99.13	105.80	-0.10	..
Japan	205.20	219.10	-0.60	...
Managed Intl	268.60	286.10	-0.80	...
Moneybuilder	52.28	55.59	-0.01	...
Recovery	46.81	49.78	-0.05	...
South E Asia	153.10	163.40†	-2.70	...
Special Sits	500.00	534.90	+0.20	...
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	106.80	106.80	+0.03	4.60

FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD
20 Finsbury St, Lond EC2Y 9AQ 071 814 2780

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	134.60	138.00†	...	1.54
Inc Pfolio	84.53	86.15	+0.36	3.64
Cap Pfolio	142.70	145.30	-0.30	0.89
General Opps	121.10	123.30	...	3.37
Growth Inc	30.27	30.96	+0.01	1.65
Private Portfolio	391.50	400.50†	...	1.47

FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT
Admin, PO Box 2001, Brentwood, Essex CM13 2XR Enq: 071 454 1434 Dlg: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Hypo Foreign & Colonial				
European	112.00	118.40	+0.60	0.52
Emrg Asian	175.50	187.20†	-2.10	...
High Income	21.37	22.73†	+0.04	9.90
Oseas Income	89.41	95.36	-0.40	3.00
UK Growth	106.50	113.90	+0.10	1.64
UK Income	103.10	110.10	+0.40	4.18
US Smaller Cos	277.80	297.10†	-3.20	...

FOSTER & BRAITHWAITE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
High Inc Eqty	47.14	50.15	+0.15	3.35
-do- Inv Tst Inc	75.38	80.19†	+0.14	4.12
Intl Growth	71.44	76.0	...	1.18
Investment Trust	90.79	96.59†	+0.24	...
UK Smaller Cos	76.97	81.88	+0.15	1.31

FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD
155 Bishopsgate, London EC2M 3FT
071 374 4100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	51.75	55.29	-0.59	...
(Accum Units)	51.75	55.29	-0.59	...
Amer Smllr Cos	441.20	471.80	-6.10	...
(Accum Units)	450.70	481.90	-6.30	...
Capital Tst	301.50	320.70	...	1.59
(Accum Units)	430.40	457.80	-0.10	1.59
Contl Smllr Cos	58.12	62.62	+0.34	0.57
(Accum Units)	61.12	65.85	+0.36	0.57
Convertible	128.40	136.50	+0.30	5.57
(Accum Units)	253.20	269.30	+0.70	3.57
Emerging Markets	82.12	87.73	-0.37	...
(Accum Units)	82.19	87.80	-0.37	...
European	116.70	124.20	-0.60	...
(Accum Units)	122.30	130.10	-0.60	...
Extra Income	320.40	340.80	+0.70	4.01
(Accum Units)	474.20	504.40	+1.10	4.01
Financial	116.40	125.40	-0.50	0.19
(Accum Units)	122.60	132.00	-0.60	0.19
Gilt Trust	60.14	62.02	-0.07	6.31
(Accum Units)	83.99	86.62	-0.09	6.31
Health Fund Inc	122.60	130.90	-1.10	...
(Accum Units)	122.60	130.90	-1.10	...
Income & Growth	186.70	198.50	+0.30	3.38
(Accum Units)	374.60	398.00	+0.40	3.38
Intl Growth	350.60	374.70†	-2.30	...
(Accum Units)	389.40	416.00†	-2.70	...
Japan & Gen	191.70	205.30	-0.80	...
(Accum Units)	193.70	207.40	-0.90	...
Managed Port Inc	102.30	107.60	-0.10	1.42
(Accum Units)	108.40	114.10	-0.10	1.42
Monthly Income	158.10	168.10	+0.30	3.95
Quarterly Income	51.49	54.77	-0.03	4.43
(Accum Units)	54.25	57.70	-0.04	4.43
Recovery	339.20	362.70	-0.80	0.04
(Accum Units)	399.30	427.00	-0.90	0.04
UK Growth	50.80	54.27	+0.14	2.73
(Accum Units)	52.54	56.14	+0.15	2.73

FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS
Enterprise Hse, Isambard Brunel Rd, P'mth
Dealing: 0705 881330 Enqs: 0705 881342

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FP Equity Dist	371.70	395.40	-0.90	3.02
-do- Accum	775.70	825.20	-1.90	3.02
FP Euro Gth Dist	137.70	146.40	+0.90	0.18
-do- Accum	143.60	152.70	+1.00	0.18
FP Fixed Int Dist	128.00	135.30†	+0.40	7.24
-do- Accum	231.50	244.80†	+0.70	7.24
FP Intl Gth Dist	92.48	98.38	-0.11	0.49
-do- Accum	96.45	102.60	-0.10	0.49
FP Nth Amer Dist	178.00	188.50	-1.40	0.87
-do- Accum	195.30	206.80	-1.50	0.87
FP Pac Basin Dist	319.50	339.80	-1.70	0.03
-do- Accum	325.90	346.70	-1.80	0.03
Stewardship Dist	320.10	340.50	+0.30	2.10
-do- Accum	387.10	411.80	+0.40	2.10
Stwrdshp Inc Dist	70.19	74.66	-0.04	3.66
-do- Accum	89.66	95.40	-0.06	3.66
N Am Stshp Dist	94.76	100.80	-1.10	0.61
-do- Accum	100.40	106.80	-1.10	0.61
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	106.80	113.60	+0.40	0.87
Open Cap Gth Acc	110.10	117.10	+0.30	0.0
Cap Gth Inc Inc	102.60	109.10	+0.40	1.70
Cap Gth Inc Acc	104.20	110.80	+0.40	1.70
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic	104.40	111.00	+0.30	1.64
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac	106.00	112.70	+0.30	1.64
NM Unit Trusts				
American	41.99	44.66	-0.14	1.43
Australian	314.00	336.90	-3.0	0.0
Conscience	69.32	73.98	+0.14	0.44
European	196.70	209.20	+1.20	0.64
Extra Income	69.91	74.61	+0.56	5.95
Gilt & FI	55.20	58.38	+0.16	6.35
Gold	56.41	60.65	-1.06	0.0
Income	52.95	56.48	+0.16	3.94
Intnl	32.68	34.87	+0.01	0.61
Jap Smaller Cos	402.70	429.50	-3.20	0.0
Sing & Malaysian	271.50	291.10	-2.20	0.0
Smaller Cos	28.91	31.08	-0.71	0.60
Special Sits	34.68	37.29	+0.03	1.84
Sterling Deposit	100.40	100.40	...	4.80
Tokyo	93.43	99.65	-0.23	0.0
UK Equity	167.20	178.30	+0.40	2.17
US Smaller Cos	108.00	115.50	+0.30	0.0

GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
PO Box 237, York YO1 1LA 0345 581 106/7

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
GANDA	229.70	242.90	-0.80	2.43
Cash	49.60	50.34	+0.01	3.77
Growth Portfolio	77.60	82.25	-0.21	0.71
Income Portfolio	62.60	66.20	-0.11	4.45

GT UNIT MANAGERS LTD
Alban Gate, 14th Floor, 125 London Wall, London EC2Y 5AS 071 710 4567
Dealing: 071 626 9431

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Spec Sits	167.00	178.70	-2.00	...
European	549.70	588.00	-6.80	0.46
Far East & Gen	293.90	314.40	-1.90	...
Germany	120.40	127.60†	+1.40	...
Income Inc	146.00	156.20†	+0.40	4.52
International	342.20	366.00	-1.60	0.19
Intl Income	78.27	83.06	-0.13	4.16
Japan & General	422.10	449.00	+2.10	...
Korean Securities	80.45	86.05	-0.44	...
Smllr Cos Div Inc	46.69	49.94	+0.04	4.76
UK Capital (Inc)	164.00	175.40	...	1.00
UK Spec Sits	81.98	87.68†	+0.23	0.65
US & General	129.90	139.20	-1.30	...
Wwide Spec Sits	158.20	169.10	-0.60	...

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
Gartmore House, 16-18 Monument St, London EC3R 8AJ 071 782 2000 Digs only: 0277 264 421
Investor Services: Freephone 0800 289 336

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	45.90	49.09	+0.13	2.40
Cash Trust	134.92	134.92	+0.04	4.49
Practical Inv Inc	111.46	119.21†	+0.05	3.48
UK Index	142.26	144.71†	+0.01	3.19
UK Smaller Cos	114.21	122.15†	+0.25	1.30
Income Funds				
Preference Share	23.45	25.08†	-0.47	9.77
High Income	32.17	34.41	-0.12	5.29
UK Equity Income	132.68	141.90†	+0.49	3.59
Global Bond	26.90	27.89†	-0.03	5.34
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	59.01	63.11	-0.29	...
Global Inc & Gth	130.59	139.08†	-0.56	1.93
Gold & Intl Res	121.10	129.52	-0.87	...
Global Utilities	133.06	142.31	-0.08	1.07
Overseas Funds				
American	133.56	142.80	-1.92	0.98
European	95.96	101.90	+0.34	0.97
Euro Sel Opps	135.73	144.81	+0.56	...
Amer Emerging	92.18	98.59	-1.03	...
Hong Kong	140.90	150.79	-4.65	1.43
Japan	257.69	273.88	-1.58	...
Pacific Growth	230.65	246.66	-3.76	1.26
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	208.54	208.54†	+0.37	2.09
Long Term Bal	226.18	226.18†	+0.17	2.64
Med Term Bal	190.24	190.24†	+0.39	3.29
UK Equity	229.78	229.78	+0.67	2.64
UK Emerging Cos	136.59	136.59	+0.27	2.23
American	218.15	218.15†	-3.01	1.49
Japan	133.63	133.63†	-1.65	...
European	251.53	251.53†	+1.12	0.96
Index Linked Gilt	162.80	162.80	+0.24	2.95
Fixed Interest	151.41	151.41	+0.78	6.79
Amer Emergs	244.59	244.59	-2.95	..
Pacific	249.39	249.39	-2.29	0.58
Emerging Mkts	174.91	174.91	-1.29	0.11
Index Strat Japan	159.04	159.04	...	0.23
-do- Pacific Rim	195.15	195.15	...	0.98
-do- Cont Europe	142.13	142.13	...	1.93
Index Strat USA	124.63	124.63	..	2.46
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	98.21	104.48	...	...
Med Term Bal	90.17	95.93	...	...
Long Term Bal	101.84	108.13	...	...
UK Equity	105.82	112.57	...	...
UK Emerging Cos	63.88	67.96	...	...
American	101.15	107.61	-1.48	..
Japan	64.96	69.10	...	...
European	104.58	111.26	+0.50	...
Fixed Interest	76.27	81.13	+0.41	...
Index Linked Gilt	72.08	76.67	...	...
Deposit	78.92	83.96	+0.03	..
Broker Unit Trusts				
Berkeley Int Grth	120.15	126.47	+0.28	...
Berkeley Income	110.39	116.20	+0.20	2.19
BWH Intl	137.49	144.73†	+0.33	0.59
Brdlff Gth Port Inc	59.51	62.81†	+0.14	1.25
-do- Inc Port Inc	54.90	57.94†	-0.47	3.40
-do- Wwide Port	52.99	55.93	+0.18	0.50
Shaw Utilities	57.54	60.73	+0.60	2.54

GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT
GAM Sterling Management Ltd
12 St James's Place, London SW1 071 493 9990

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
& Intl Inc	531.59	568.52	...	0.85
European Inc	139.84	148.77	...	0.94
Amalgam Inc	143.42	151.84	...	...
N America Inc	322.82	343.43	...	...
Far East Inc	365.28	388.60	...	...
UK Divid Inc	170.51	181.30	...	1.32

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD
Shackleton House, 4 Battle Bridge Lane, London SE1 071 378 7979 Dealing: 071 407 7888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	86.66	91.30	-0.04	4.73
UK Small Cos	45.67	48.84†	-1.95	0.92
British Growth	51.45	54.30	-0.31	2.48
American Gwth	152.85	163.48	-1.93	...
Japan Gwth	83.36	89.15	-0.38	...
Greater China	200.75	214.70	-0.61	...
Pacific Strategy	177.94	190.31	-1.32	...
European Gwth	83.99	89.83†	-0.80	0.12
Intl Growth	144.95	155.03	-0.59	...
US Index (E)	12.57	13.25	-0.06	3.50
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	72.99	77.36	-0.03	2.23
Monthly Income	37.97	40.52†	-0.05	10.00
MIS Unit Trust Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (E)	10.37	10.92	-0.05	3.60

GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Mint Hse, 77 Mansell St, London E1 8AF
071 488 1212

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Small Cos	92.54	98.44	...	1.19

GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD
36 Harbour Exchange Sq, London E14 9GE
071 538 9668

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	130.70	130.70†	..	4.45
European	475.40	507.90	+4.20	0.10
Gilt & Fixed	123.30	130.80	-0.10	5.06
Growth Equity	321.40	345.30	-1.30	1.93

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trust	124.90	133.40	-0.40	3.08
International	180.60	192.90†	-0.50	...
Japan Trust	134.60	143.80	-0.60	...
Nth American	247.60	264.50†	-1.70	0.25
Pacific	571.10	610.10†	-2.60	...
Guardhill	472.80	505.10	-1.50	1.97

GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD
5 Gainsford Street, London SE1 2NE
071 522 2129

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
EMU Trust	98.73	102.46	+0.45	7.01
Global High Inc	98.07	101.78	-0.26	7.31
Prem Fixed Int	98.77	102.53	+0.12	8.74
Eqty & Bond Inc	98.11	104.32†	-0.56	5.04
European Growth	99.76	106.07	+0.63	...
Intl PEP Trust	59.03	62.76	-0.13	...
High Income	118.87	126.40	-0.91	3.99
Recovery	374.20	397.80	+0.60	1.42
St Vinc High Inc	124.88	126.75	-0.59	6.89
Tmp Bar Emer Co	245.00	260.50	-1.10	1.47
Tmp Br Sm Co In	346.70	352.80	-16.00	2.02
Glob Priv Tst	91.84	97.65†	-0.38	1.22
Inc Share Tst	89.78	95.46†	-2.11	8.33

HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Model Pfolio	197.10	209.10	-0.60	2.63
Smaller Cos	32.71	34.80	-0.08	0.95

HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT
PO Box 2257, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4ET
Enquiries: 0277 263 290 Dealing: 0277 234 772

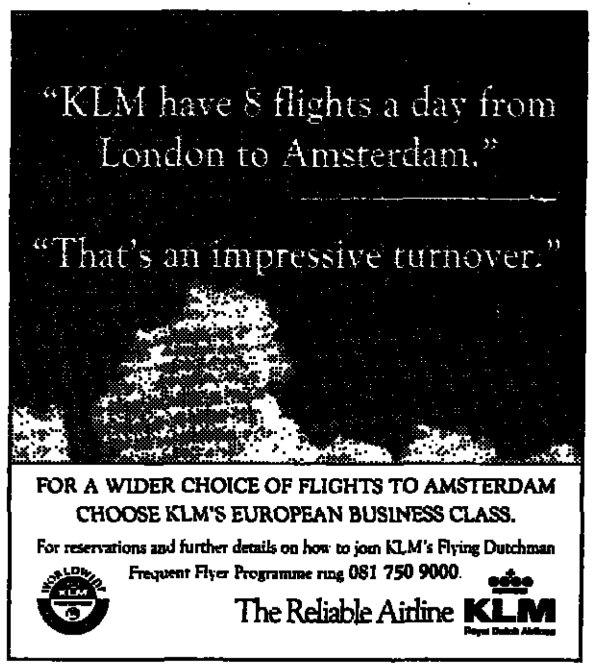
	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Special Sits	282.50	302.27†	+0.34	1.47
Best of British	61.90	65.79	+0.19	2.61
UK Smaller Cos	121.36	130.35	-0.09	1.25
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth	268.96	286.43	+0.41	3.12
High Income	308.73	330.03†	-4.19	4.02
Extra Income	268.42	285.46†	-0.68	5.88
Pref & Gilt	42.72	45.92†	-0.95	9.52
International				
International	269.82	288.24†	-1.04	...
Global Bond	51.09	54.31†	-0.13	5.94
Family of Funds	81.13	86.83	+0.29	0.15
Global Tech	141.21	151.02	-1.29	...
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	190.79	204.03	-1.15	...
European	459.00	486.41†	+3.85	0.50
European Income	79.86	84.63	+0.64	2.67
Euro Smlr Cos	147.19	157.55†	+0.77	0.02
Eur Sp Sits	68.47	72.83†	+0.26	...
Japan Trust	232.65	247.40	-0.28	...
Japan Special Sits	260.20	277.02†	-0.16	...
Pacific Smlr Cos	277.64	295.36†	-1.15	...
North American	223.29	237.20	-1.94	0.49
American Smaller	98.93	105.75†	-1.60	...
Henderson TR Pension Portfolio				
American Growth	53.34	56.54	...	...
Eur Sp Sits	58.80	62.32	...	...
General Growth	41.51	44.00	...	...
Global Tech	55.71	59.05	...	...
Income Growth	40.79	43.23	...	...
Japan Growth	28.49	30.19	...	...
Overseas Growth	39.59	41.96	...	...
Smaller Cos	21.64	22.93	...	...
Special Opps	28.76	30.48	...	...
Wwide Sp Sits	49.40	52.36	...	...

HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road, Croydon
081 686 4355

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British	95.23	101.80	+0.20	1.79
Capital	169.20	180.90	+0.10	1.47
Dollar	323.80	346.30	-4.70	...
European	222.90	238.30	+0.10	...
Far East	331.40	354.40	-2.40	0.14
Financial	784.40	838.90†	+1.00	1.32
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	24.57	25.55†	-0.33	7.91
High Yield	101.90	108.90	+0.40	4.17
Income & Growth	138.60	148.20	+0.70	3.47
International	251.50	268.90	-0.80	...
Japanese General	217.70	232.80	-0.40	...
Japan Tech	89.73	95.96	-0.08	...
Nat Resources	78.27	83.71	-0.12	...
Portfolio	70.29	75.17	+0.04	1.47
Security	313.10	334.80†	+0.40	1.75
Smaller Cos	121.60	130.00†	+0.20	1.06
Special Sits	144.70	154.70†	+0.70	1.51
UK Emerging Cos	87.36	93.43†	+0.31	0.54
US Smaller Cos	73.45	78.55	-1.16	...

HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
6 Bevis Marks, London EC3A 7QP
Advisers: 0800 181 890 Inv: 0800 289 505
Dealing: 071 955 5055

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Funds				
Capital	560.70	598.40†	-0.10	2.12
Income	539.50	575.80†	-0.80	3.98
Footsie Fund	51.83	54.83	-0.09	2.63
Tr'dle Index	109.30	116.60	+1.80	1.87
UK Index	134.70	143.80	+0.30	3.02
International Funds				
American Growth	455.10	485.70	-3.50	0.62
American Index	187.60	199.90	-1.40	1.36
Balanced	...	...	...	...
European Growth	111.10	118.10	+1.10	...
Eurotrack 100	152.80	162.50	+0.90	1.07
Global Bond	20.15	21.27	-0.09	7.23



	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Japan Growth	305.90	326.30†	-2.20	...
Japan Index	83.23	88.83	-0.58	0.09
Japan Smllr Cos	39.35	42.00	-0.02	...
International High Growth Funds				
Asian	58.70	62.65	-0.51	0.15
Hong Kong Gwth	103.20	110.10	-2.40	0.75
Spore & Mlysn Gth	81.03	86.48	-0.51	...
Tiger Index	211.00	225.20†	-4.90	0.22

INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD
11 Devonshire Square, London EC2M 4YR
071 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	28.78	29.87	+0.06	1.07
General Funds				
Managed	70.94	73.63	+0.05	2.42
Rupert Child Fnd	81.97	85.08	+0.23	2.38
UK Growth	58.17	60.38	+0.12	2.27
High Income Funds				
Cashbox (Dist)	50.32	50.32†	+0.02	4.21
Cashbox (Acc)	58.44	58.44†	+0.02	4.21
UK Extra Inc	82.24	85.36	+0.22	5.39
Gth & Fixed Int	25.46	26.25†	+0.02	7.96
UK Inc & Gwth	39.01	40.49†	-0.41	3.96
UK Income	325.40	337.70†	+1.10	3.63
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	47.40	49.09†	-0.60	0.23
Amer Smllr Cos	102.00	106.80	-1.30	...
(Accum Units)	104.00	107.90	-1.40	...
Europe Gth	149.60	154.90	...	...
(Accum Units)	154.70	160.20	+0.10	...
Euro Smaller Cos	28.58	29.66†	+0.15	...
French Growth	77.43	80.37	+0.41	...
Accum Units	82.95	86.10	+0.43	...
H Kong & China	86.96	90.26	-1.69	1.59
Intl Growth	57.38	59.56†	-0.31	0.56
(Accum Units)	57.86	60.06†	-0.12	0.56
Japan Gth	36.88	38.28	-0.18	...
Accum Units	36.88	38.28	-0.18	...
Japan Smaller Cos	46.58	48.35†	-0.16	...
Glob Emg Mkts	118.50	122.90	-1.10	...
Accum Units	119.30	123.80	-1.10	...
SE Asia	344.90	358.00	-2.60	0.11
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond	51.15	52.69	-0.94	5.03

JUPITER UT MGRS LTD
197 Knightsbridge, London SW7 1RB
071 581 3020

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Cap	134.50	142.90	-1.70	...
Income	143.30	152.44	+0.67	3.93
UK Growth	52.86	56.23	-0.01	0.96
International	83.86	89.20	-0.32	0.25
Ecology	77.75	82.71†	+0.03	1.30
European	117.40	124.57	+0.06	...
Far Eastern	338.20	359.70	-1.10	...

KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUSTS
10 Fenchurch Street London EC3
Dealers: 071 956 7354

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	48.67	51.99†	+0.17	7.39
Gilt Yield	112.60	118.80†	+0.50	6.99
Global Income	213.20	226.80	+0.42	4.01
High Yield	134.00	142.60	+0.42	6.18
Smllr Cos Div	51.54	54.83	...	2.90
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	87.44	93.02	-1.47	...
North American	71.82	76.40	-0.97	0.26
European Special	94.72	100.80	+0.01	0.15
European	149.70	159.30	-0.20	0.38
General	263.00	279.80	+0.70	3.22
Japan	443.00	471.30	-1.30	...
Japanese Special	273.80	291.30	-2.30	..
Master Accum	236.40	251.50†	-0.60	1.82
Pacific	351.60	374.00†	-2.60	...
Smaller Cos	108.50	115.40	-0.20	0.55
UK Equity Growth	38.73	41.20	-0.01	1.64

KNIGHT WILLIAMS PRTFOL MGRS
161 New Bond Street, London W1Y 9LA
071 629 8883

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global Inc & Gth	61.86	65.80	-0.23	...
Inv Trust	67.02	71.29	-0.10	...
Cautious Inc/Gth	57.14	60.78	-0.01	0.80
High Inc Acc	53.66	57.08	+0.05	3.50

L & C UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Broadwalk Hse, 5 Appold St EC2A 2DA
071 588 2800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	574.90	586.20	...	5.54
Intl & General	411.80	420.20	...	...

LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT
1 White Hart Yard SE1 071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Bridge Income	252.80	269.03†	-6.72	5.56
Inc & Growth Inc	55.41	58.95	-0.17	4.46
Smaller Cos	54.89	58.08†	+0.10	1.41

LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD
Laurentian Hse, Barnwood, Gloucester
GL4 7RZ Enq: 0452 371 500 Dlg: 0452 371 623

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Trust	239.90	255.20	+0.50	2.13
High Income	106.40	113.20	+0.60	4.27
International	99.70	106.10	-0.40	0.57
Recovery Trust	61.75	65.69	-0.12	1.55
European Trust	81.89	87.12†	+0.38	1.00
Japanese Trust	46.13	49.07	-0.22	..
American Trust	83.20	88.51†	-0.87	..
Managed	66.68	70.94†	-0.04	0.54
Cash	50.82	50.82	+0.01	4.07

LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD
21 Moorfields, London EC2P 2HT 071 374 0916

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Cap	349.00	354.80	...	2.56
UK Inc/Gth	374.80	380.60	...	3.24

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Income	263.70	268.20	...	4.46
UK Sm Cos	232.80	241.50	...	1.95
Euro Gwth	119.30	120.40	+2.00	...
N Amer Gwth	73.69	74.40†	+1.14	0.12
Japan Growth	71.28	72.03	+1.74	...
Money Mkt	120.62	120.62	...	2.280

LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 395

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Dist	457.50	486.70†	-0.60	2.58
Equity Income	96.35	102.50	+0.10	3.81
UK Tactical Allocn	55.06	58.46†	+0.14	2.70
European	113.00	120.20	+0.60	0.87
Far Eastern	248.30	264.10†	-1.50	...
Fixed Interest	49.16	52.30†	+0.13	6.98
Gilt	85.39	90.55†	-0.20	5.17
Global Growth	79.73	84.82	-0.27	0.11
Intl Bond	49.67	52.74	+0.14	5.08
Japanese	82.31	87.36	-0.26	...
North American	141.70	150.70	-1.20	0.70
Pacific Growth	121.10	128.80†	-0.50	...
UK Index	60.55	63.90†	-0.09	3.13
UK Recovery	88.79	94.46†	-0.74	1.80
UK Smaller Cos	119.30	126.90	-0.10	1.36
US Index	56.29	59.41	-0.38	1.51
European Index	71.56	75.95	+0.48	1.51
Japan Index	43.64	46.06	-0.29	...
Worldwide	84.38	89.77	-0.07	1.31

LINCOLN NATIONAL
1 Olympic Way, Wembley HA9 0NB
081 902 8876 Dealing: 0800 282 621

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth	49.11	52.52	+0.22	1.76
Income	58.59	62.66	+0.23	2.82
Far East	57.18	61.15	-0.14	...
North American	84.64	90.52	-1.53	...
Global	92.09	98.49	-0.29	0.10
European	85.56	91.51	+0.41	0.60
Japan	116.00	124.10†	-0.20	...
Intl Currency Bd	55.02	58.38†	-0.07	4.69
SE Asia	114.10	122.00	-2.30	0.07
UK Cap Growth	89.89	96.14†	+0.30	1.49

LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD
PO Box 63, Chatham, Kent ME4 4YB
Helpdesk: 0634 834 339 Dealing: 0634 834 313

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	335.60	357.10	-0.90	2.79
-do- Acc	752.90	801.00	-2.10	2.79
Contl Euro Gth	62.01	65.28	-0.25	0.72
-do- Acc	66.05	69.53	-0.27	0.72
Extra Inc	249.30	265.30	-3.70	4.08
-do- Acc	632.40	672.80	-9.80	4.08
German Gth	125.30	131.90	+1.30	0.13
-do- Acc	131.40	138.40	+1.30	0.13
Growth Port	533.40	567.50	-0.80	0.12
-do- Acc	542.20	576.90	-0.80	0.12
Income	471.60	501.80	-9.30	3.84
-do- Acc	£12.69	£13.50	-2.00	3.84
Income Port	502.90	535.00	-0.70	4.42
-do- Acc	523.60	557.10	-0.70	4.42
Japan Growth	112.10	119.30	-0.40	...
-do- Acc	113.50	119.70	-0.50	...
Master Trust	56.79	60.42	-0.08	1.43
-do- Acc	63.39	67.44	-0.10	1.43
N American Gen	171.70	182.70	-1.40	...
-do- Acc	198.30	211.00	-1.60	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	132.50	141.00	-1.50	...
-do- Acc	135.30	144.00	-1.50	...
Pacific Basin	269.30	286.50	-7.80	0.58
-do- Acc	285.70	304.00	-8.30	0.58
Small Cos Rec	347.10	365.40	-0.60	2.10
-do- Acc	459.70	483.90	+0.90	2.10
UK Growth	82.33	87.59	-0.17	2.48
-do- Acc	98.94	105.30	-0.20	2.48
Worldwide Gth	316.30	336.50	-0.90	0.28
-do- Acc	466.60	496.40	-1.30	0.28

LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT
Winslade Park, Exeter EX5 1DS 0392 282 673

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	63.02	67.02	+0.08	0.10
General	84.54	90.70	-0.19	2.30
Income	64.05	68.72†	-0.01	5.30
International	64.38	69.08	-0.27	0.40
Japan	61.91	66.43	-0.30	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	68.38	73.36†	-0.21	1.60

M & G SECURITIES
M & G House, Victoria Road, Chelmsford
CM1 1FB Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 0245 390 390

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer & General	384.80	406.90	-3.10	0.68
(Accum Units)	477.60	505.10	-3.90	0.68
Amer Recovery	433.20	458.10	-0.60	0.43
(Accum Units)	496.50	525.10	-7.60	0.43
Amer Smllr Cos	123.90	131.00	-1.40	...
(Accum Units)	126.60	133.80	-1.50	...
Australasian	162.90	172.30	-1.50	1.86
(Accum Units)	197.40	208.90	-1.80	1.86
Capital	804.80	851.10	-0.30	2.37
(Accum Units)	914.30	966.90	-0.40	2.37
Charifund	682.70	689.60	-1.70	5.54
(Accum Units)	£30.97	£31.28	-7.70	5.54
Commodity	408.10	431.60	-0.80	0.28
(Accum Units)	598.40	632.80	-1.20	0.28
Compound Grth	909.50	961.80†	-6.25	2.78
(Accum Units)	953.30	£10.08	-5.80	2.78
Dividend	39.60	41.90	-0.20	4.33
(Accum Units)	162.60	172.40	-0.50	4.33
Equity Income	343.10	362.80	-0.90	4.85
(Accum Units)	436.70	461.70	-1.20	4.85
Euro & General	502.90	531.80	+3.60	0.99
(Accum Units)	634.90	671.40	+4.50	0.99
Euro Dividend	68.20	72.10	+0.40	3.68
(Accum Units)	81.30	86.00	+0.50	3.68
Extra Yield	403.70	426.90†	-1.50	4.75
(Accum Units)	£12.53	£13.24	-4.70	4.75
Far Eastern	374.50	396.00	-3.20	0.49
(Accum Units)	496.10	524.60	-4.20	0.49
Fund of Inv Tsts	613.80	649.10	+5.50	1.74
(Accum Units)	£11.38	£12.03	+10.10	1.74
General	59.20	62.60	-0.30	3.72
(Accum Units)	163.30	172.60	-0.90	3.72
Gilt Income	58.78	58.88	...	8.16
(Accum Units)	158.42	158.70	...	8.16
Gold	74.90	79.20	...	0.55
(Accum Units)	88.40	93.40	...	0.55
High Income	28.00	29.60	-0.10	4.63
(Accum Units)	110.20	116.60	-0.20	4.63
Intl Growth	77.90	82.40	-0.30	0.96
(Accum Units)	135.70	143.60	-0.40	0.96
International Inc	96.60	102.20†	-0.35	4.53
(Accum Units)	143.40	151.70	-0.30	4.53
Japan & Gen	51.20	54.10	-0.20	...
(Accum Units)	54.90	58.00	-0.30	...
Japan Smlr Cos	182.90	193.40†	-0.50	...
(Accum Units)	184.20	194.80	-0.50	...
Managed Income	27.00	28.40†	...	3.97
Midland	61.70	65.30†	-0.01	2.99
(Accum Units)	206.30	218.30	...	2.99
Pension Ex	909.20	932.00	-3.40	4.31
Recovery	40.70	43.00	-0.20	2.60
(Accum Units)	66.10	69.90	-0.30	2.60
Second General	69.10	73.10	+0.60	3.43
(Accum Units)	176.40	186.50	+1.50	3.43
Smaller Cos	66.40	70.20	...	3.09
(Accum Units)	130.40	137.90	-0.10	3.09
Treasury	25.00	25.05†	+0.01	5.05
Trustee	40.70	43.00†	-0.15	4.49
(Accum Units)	163.90	173.50	-0.40	4.49

MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD
MGM House, Heene Rd, Worthing
Dealing: 0277 261 010 Enq: 0903 204 631

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Growth	79.31	84.37†	+0.51	0.67
Intl Bond	61.13	64.28	-0.08	6.29
Intl Equity Growth	70.05	74.48	-0.16	0.50
N Amer Growth	90.77	96.56†	-0.66	0.87
Special Sits Growth	20.71	22.03†	...	1.76
UK Growth	360.50	383.50†	-1.00	2.79

MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD
46 Court St, Haddington, East Lothian
0620 825867

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Joint Investors	£12.84	£13.04	..	2.30

MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD
c/o Baillie Gifford 1 Rutland Ct EH3 8EY
031 222 4242

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Maldon General	135.40	139.30	...	4.40

MANULIFE MANAGEMENT LTD
St George's Way, Stevenage
Dealing: 0438 747 414

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Growth Units	190.40	203.60	-0.30	2.50
Gilt & Fxd Int	164.00	172.70	+0.10	6.94
Intl Growth	209.10	222.60	-0.70	0.18
North American	175.60	187.40	-1.10	0.38
Far East	280.70	300.20	-1.30	0.86
UK Smaller Cos	166.70	178.30	+0.50	1.86
European	79.74	85.01	+0.38	0.13
Japanese Growth	51.47	54.71	-0.22	...
High Income	182.10	194.80	-0.30	4.35

MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD
PO Box 410, Chester X CH99 9QG 0244 680 066

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
M & S Inv Pfolio	147.10	156.40	+0.06	2.15
-do- Accum	167.50	178.20	+0.06	2.15
UK Sel Pfolio	126.50	134.60	+0.30	2.39
-do- Accum	145.50	154.70	+0.30	2.39

MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD
57 Victoria Square, Bolton BL1 1LA
0204 364 542

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	61.69	65.67	..	4.20

MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Saltire Crt, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh
031 479 4646

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Income	70.63	74.98†	-0.11	4.51
European	79.58	84.48	+0.19	0.42
Income & Growth	71.99	76.42	+0.02	5.60
Nth American	57.68	61.23	-0.23	0.66
Far East	178.50	189.50	-0.60	...
Japan	60.71	64.45	-0.35	...
Emgng Mkts	118.10	126.30	-0.80	...
Intl Growth	110.60	117.40†	-0.50	0.20
UK Growth	85.72	91.00	-0.19	0.81
UK Smlr Co	44.99	47.76	-0.07	0.55
Asian Opps Fd	41.80	44.71	-0.45	0.12

MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	401.00	426.63†	+1.69	4.18
Global Inc	64.32	68.43†	-0.20	3.02
Brit Leaders	329.12	350.13†	+0.42	2.55
Intl Leaders	192.96	205.28†	-0.44	0.80
PAM Mg Bal Grth	63.00	66.14†	+0.12	0.82

MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD
33 King William St EC4R 9AS
Dealing: 071 280 2060

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	192.60	204.80	-1.60	...
(Accum Units)	205.90	218.90	-1.70	..
British Blue Chip	77.17	82.00†	-0.15	3.03
(Accum Units)	95.17	101.10†	-0.20	1.03
Cash	100.90	100.90	...	5.06
(Accum Units)*	136.10	136.10	...	5.06
Emerging Mkts	128.30	135.80	-0.70	0.19
European Growth	244.40	259.60	+1.30	0.28
(Accum Units)	263.50	279.90	+1.50	0.28
European Income	81.01	85.99	+0.75	3.34
(Accum Units)	107.90	114.50	+1.00	3.34
General	484.40	516.40†	-0.70	2.40
(Accum Units)	944.30	1008†	-1.00	2.40
Global Bond	117.20	123.20†	+0.20	6.84
(Accum Units)	141.10	148.30†	+0.30	6.84
Gold & General	238.70	256.70	-1.00	0.35
(Accum Units)	245.00	263.40	-1.00	0.35
Govt Securities	88.72	91.48	+0.27	6.19
(Accum Units)	168.50	173.70	+0.50	6.19
Income	142.70	157.00	-0.20	4.42
(Accum Units)	227.10	241.60	-0.30	4.42
Inc Portfolio	94.30	99.99	+0.06	5.20
(Accum Units)	94.30	99.99	+0.06	5.20
International	463.50	492.90	+0.30	0.33
(Accum Units)	618.20	657.40	+0.40	0.33
Japan	202.30	213.40	-1.50	...
(Accum Units)	206.60	218.10	-1.30	...
New Europe	178.40	190.30	+0.10	0.74
(Accum Units)	182.40	194.60	+0.10	0.74
Pacific	131.70	140.50	-1.40	0.82
(Accum Units)	141.00	150.40	-1.50	0.82
Recovery	295.30	315.00	...	0.82
(Accum Units)	375.50	400.50	...	0.82
UK Smaller Cos	55.74	59.46†	+0.10	0.91
(Accum Units)	63.04	67.24†	+0.11	0.91
Portfolio	78.77	83.75†	-0.06	2.76
(Accum Units)	92.46	98.31†	-0.07	2.76

METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD
3 Darkes Lane, Potters Bar EN6 1AJ
0707 662 233

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Eurogrowth Plus	114.01	121.29	+0.82	0.89
Portfolio	66.64	70.89	-0.01	0.07
UK Income Inc	73.87	78.59†	-0.04	4.77

MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
Deacon Hse, 192 Eyre St, Sheffield S1 3RD
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Balanced	58.46	62.52†	+0.01	2.90
(Accum Units)	61.52	65.79†	+0.02	2.90
British Tst	81.19	86.83	+0.03	1.93
(Accum Units)	93.34	99.82	+0.03	1.93
Extra High Inc	65.94	70.52†	+0.32	6.55
(Accum Units)	125.70	134.40†	+0.70	6.55
FT-SE 100 Acc	52.22	55.40	+0.10	2.49
FT-SE 100 Dist	52.21	55.40	+0.10	2.49
Gilt & Fxd Int	53.06	55.22	-0.37	6.99
(Accum Units)	151.40	157.50	-1.0	6.90
High Yield	218.20	233.40	+0.70	5.35
(Accum Units)	533.00	570.00	+1.50	5.35
Income	279.70	299.10	-1.90	3.58
(Accum Units)	608.50	650.80	-4.0	3.58
Money Market UT	49.67	49.67	+0.02	3.85
(Accum Units)	76.59	76.59	+0.03	3.85
Monthly Income	82.45	88.18†	+0.04	6.09
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	96.63	102.80	-0.10	1.91
European Growth	106.80	113.20	-0.80	0.02
Gilt & Fixed	82.13	87.14	+0.60	6.37
Income	82.31	87.56	+0.25	2.92
Japan Growth	57.15	60.58	-0.30	...
Managed	66.21	70.44	-0.43	2.49
Money Market	85.48	90.61	+0.04	4.43
North American	84.85	89.95	+0.14	0.50
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	87.75	93.35	+0.03	1.89
European Growth	100.50	106.50	+0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	78.25	83.02	-0.56	6.33
Income	80.85	86.01	+0.24	2.99
Japan Growth	57.00	60.41	-0.30	...
Managed	63.74	67.81	+0.02	2.45
Money Market	79.04	83.78	+0.04	4.39
North American	77.36	82.00	+0.12	0.60
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	87.84	93.45	+0.04	1.88
European Growth	98.10	104.00	+0.80	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	71.95	76.33	+0.52	6.47
Income	80.03	85.14	+0.23	3.00
Japan Growth	58.35	61.85	-0.31	...
Managed	66.68	70.94	+0.02	2.44
Money Market	73.82	78.25	+0.03	4.45
North American	85.60	90.74	+0.13	0.46

MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London Bridge SE1
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
International (US$)	12.70	13.51	...	...

MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD
20 Finsbury Circus, London EC2M 1UT
Dealers: 071 826 0826 Enquiries: 071 826 0123

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	313.60	333.50	-0.40	...
European Gth Inc	425.30	455.10	+3.30	0.28
Intl Gwth	194.60	208.50	-0.10	...
UK Equity Inc	175.10	186.60†	-0.30	3.15
UK Ind Trckr Inc	154.30	165.10	-0.60	2.72
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	186.70	197.80	-1.00	1.45
Japan Tracker	79.94	84.57	-0.50	...
Asian Trader	217.70	234.90†	-2.50	0.27
Managed Inc	152.70	163.30	-0.10	1.46
Deposit Inc	99.86	99.86†	+0.01	5.07
Europa	179.50	193.50	+1.50	0.26
Genesis	150.70	165.30	-0.10	2.28
High Income	21.61	22.94†	+0.01	10.00

MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT
7 West Nile St, Glasgow G1 2PX 0345 090 933

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Acumen	92.44	94.53†	-0.29	2.18
Acumen Inc	87.50	89.47†	-0.27	2.18
Acumen Reserve	80.29	81.10†	-0.14	8.22
-do- Inc	70.07	70.77†	-0.13	8.22
Americas Growth	163.20	168.00	-1.20	0.91
Cash Income	49.85	49.85	+0.02	4.51
Equity Income	92.95	95.11†	-0.28	4.48
European	71.32	72.84†	+0.14	...
Smaller Cos	73.59	79.03	+0.31	1.17
Olympiad	68.65	70.30	-0.18	...
Global Bond	41.92	42.44	-0.05	6.56
UK Growth	89.66	92.14	-0.42	1.66
Pacific Growth	117.80	121.70	-1.30	...
Japan Growth	100.70	102.20	-0.70	...

NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Avon Equity	118.04	125.57	+0.21	2.87

N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD
35 Fountain St, Manchester M2 2AF
061 237 5322

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Growth	72.30	76.92	+0.31	2.09
UK Income	106.50	113.40	+0.50	3.86
Gilt & Fixed Int	66.26	70.12	+0.06	6.55
Higher Income	214.60	228.30	+0.60	4.83
Smaller Cos	80.19	85.31†	+0.09	1.94
International	94.92	100.98†	-0.16	1.87

NATIONAL PROV INV MGRS LTD
48 Gracechurch St EC3P 3HH 071 623 4200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Americas Dist	100.30	107.27	-0.99	...
European Dist	108.40	115.90	-0.39	...
Far East Dist	193.90	207.40	-0.50	...
Global Care Dist	65.49	70.04	-0.05	1.75
Oseas Dist	£10.29	£11.01†	-5.10	0.07
UK Dist	335.10	358.40	+0.60	2.39
UK Extra Inc Dist	75.17	80.40	-0.48	3.98
Wwide Dist	106.10	113.40†	...	0.09
Wwide Inc Dist	69.47	74.30†	-0.06	2.12

NATIONAL WESTMINSTER UT MGRS
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Dlg: 0277 690 280 Admin Enq: 0277 690 398

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Europe Inc	63.29	66.80	+0.50	0.46
Fund of Funds Inc	57.92	61.13	+0.04	0.85
North America Inc	47.67	50.31	-0.37	0.52
UK Equity Grth Inc	57.34	60.52	-0.01	2.07
UK General Inc	55.50	58.58†	+0.10	2.56
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	45.32	47.72†	+0.11	7.36
UK Income Inc	56.17	59.28	+0.11	3.04

NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR
Dealer: 0500 440 000 Private client: 0500 550 000 Broker: 0500 660 000
Price enquiry freephone 0500 33 00 00

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Income	222.64	236.86†	+1.02	3.67
Global	341.60	363.41†	-1.78	0.71
General	184.12	195.88	+0.08	1.88
Bond	112.27	119.21	-0.47	6.36
Growth	120.50	128.20†	+0.36	2.55
Intrepid	116.87	121.74	...	1.85
Bridge Fund	83.25	88.57	...	...
Distributor	89.01	94.70†	+0.30	3.35

NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS
PO Box 124, Surrey Street, Norwich
0603 682 234

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Master Trust	120.25	127.91†	-0.01	1.80
UK Equity	134.50	143.09	+0.35	3.02
UK Equity Income	129.06	137.29	+0.40	3.25
UK Smaller Cos	114.65	121.97	+0.25	1.81
UK Equity Growth	124.52	132.47†	+0.23	2.24
UK Index Trckg	134.97	143.59	-1.27	3.50
Ind Index Trckg	141.33	150.35†	-0.67	1.05
International	231.38	246.15†	-1.59	0.41
European	192.66	204.96	+1.13	0.25
Pan European	129.48	137.74	+0.62	1.39
Nth American	156.72	166.72	-1.47	0.52
N Amer Smlr Cos	173.39	184.46	-2.14	...
Japanese	101.91	108.42	-0.16	...
Pacific	247.22	263.00	-0.92	0.02
South East Asian	272.61	290.01†	-1.53	0.39
Intl Bond	124.93	132.82	-0.08	4.31
Gilt & Convertible	101.97	108.40	+0.44	5.90
Property	85.36	90.81	-0.03	4.99

PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Pearl Centre, Lynch Wd, Peterborough
PE2 6FY Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 0733 470 470

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	235.90	250.90	-0.20	2.52
Growth	151.40	159.30	-0.10	2.62
Income	230.30	245.00†	-0.20	3.76
Intl Equity	246.00	261.70†	-0.60	0.86
UK Income	64.42	68.52	-0.07	3.39
UK Intl 25	77.49	82.43	-0.11	1.98
New Europe	77.63	82.59	+0.47	0.33

PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth	608.39	650.69	-2.32	0.36
Income	329.51	352.42†	+0.81	3.51
Wwide Recovery	385.37	412.17	-1.57	0.14
Amer Growth Inc	211.84	226.39	-2.59	0.01
Ind Emerging Cos	247.36	264.56	-1.18	0.01
Far Estn Grth Inc	299.77	320.61	-2.90	0.01
Euro Gwth Inc	137.72	147.30	-0.29	0.60
UK Growth Inc	85.17	91.10	+0.50	2.82
High Income	91.26	97.61	+0.28	4.34
Jap Gwth Inc	244.91	261.06	-2.83	0.01
PEP Growth	118.76	127.02	-0.11	0.69
Asian Str Mkts Inc	133.92	143.24	-1.23	0.01
Amer Smlr Co Inc	127.30	136.16	-1.73	0.01
Global Bond	52.89	55.70†	+0.05	6.36
UK Smaller Cos Inc	77.60	83.00	+0.01	1.16

PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
39 Pilgrim Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
NE1 6QQ 091 201 3927

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	100.15	106.54	+0.01	...
European	69.78	74.23	+0.89	...
Global	67.50	71.81	-0.45	...
Pacific	67.23	71.52	-0.26	...
UK Inc & Grth	62.97	66.99	+0.19	3.07

POINTON YORK UT MGRS
The Crescent, King St, Leicester LE1 6RX
0533 530 540

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
BRI Director Digs	99.38	105.84	-0.53	0.35

PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1 1NX
071 407 5966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Portfolio	157.04	165.30	+3.46	0.64

PREMIUM LIFE UNIT TST MGRS LTD
37 Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458 721

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Monthly Income	57.71	61.17	-0.27	2.54
Growth Income	60.80	64.44	-0.19	2.15

PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
16 South Park, Sevenoaks TN13 1AN
0732 740 700

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Principal Tst	128.48	136.69	+0.58	1.73

PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Walbrook Hse, 23 Walbrook EC4N 8LD
Enquiries: 071 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 262 443

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Income	88.56	94.53	-0.95	3.04
Conv & Gilt	111.50	118.70	+0.20	6.16
European Income	72.37	76.99†	-1.12	2.84
Extra Income	145.00	155.20†	+0.30	3.90
Far East	416.00	442.50	-1.20	0.25
Global Income	25.24	26.88	+0.01	4.90
High Income	111.40	118.50†	-3.50	3.57
International	211.40	224.00†	-0.30	0.51
Pref & Fxd Int	40.14	42.70†	-0.06	7.64
Recovery	73.07	77.73	-0.07	2.44
Special Sits	102.90	109.40	-0.10	1.27
Technology	325.80	346.60†	-6.70	...
UK Blue Chip	67.36	71.66	+0.07	2.89

PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone ME14 1XX
0622 674 751

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
General	51.84	55.15	...	2.16
International	89.73	95.46	...	0.38
Gilt	24.42	25.18	...	6.50
Income & Gwth	69.50	73.94	...	4.73
European	50.70	53.94	...	0.43
American	51.50	54.79	...	...
Emerging Mkts	91.28	97.11	...	0.03
UK Smaller Cos	29.11	30.97†	...	2.26
Gilt/Fixed Interest	24.75	25.53†	...	6.91
Global PEP	38.54	41.00†	...	1.20

PROVIDENCE CAPITOL FD MGRS LTD
2 Bartley Way, Hook, Hants RG27 9XA
0256 768 888

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European Inc	266.80	287.40	+2.10	0.79
Japan Inc	114.30	122.10†	-0.10	...
Nth American Inc	104.90	113.40	-1.10	0.12
Worldwide Inc	164.30	176.80†	-0.60	0.74
Hong Kong Inc	142.30	152.80	-3.10	0.22
Swiss Equities Inc	65.57	70.28	...	0.35
Wwide Bond Inc	58.66	62.03†	...	5.59
Emrging Asia Inc	237.10	258.40	...	0.41
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.38	50.38	+0.02	4.93
Thailand Inc	173.90	187.50	-1.90	0.69
Gold Trust Inc	85.82	92.73	-0.79	0.15
New Zealand Inc	82.18	88.36†	-0.22	1.24
Int Mngd PEP Inc	63.66	68.70	-0.19	1.71
Latin Am Cmp Inc	94.77	102.10	-0.40	0.03
UK All Sh Mirr Inc	57.07	61.24	-0.10	2.18
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	81.02	86.65	+0.50	1.48
Global Portfolio	73.35	78.45	+0.29	...
Global Opps	74.91	80.12	+0.48	0.42
Marsh Global Grth	67.83	71.93	-0.09	1.90
AAM Global Equity	53.80	57.02	-0.56	0.76
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	85.08	91.95	-0.18	0.96
CAM Int Recvy Inc	45.27	47.53	...	1.04
Temple Equity Inc	44.06	48.23	+0.08	2.97
Hartley Growth	72.46	76.80	-0.06	0.59
Intl Growth Inc	85.76	91.72†	+0.17	1.45
IPS Portfolio Inc	87.48	93.56	+0.43	0.22
St Jms Mn Inc Inc	45.80	47.50	-0.11	2.71
Premier Perfrm Inc	68.15	72.89	-0.01	0.04
Roxburgh Strat Gth	74.47	79.66	+0.04	0.34
Tech Analysis	99.92	106.30†	+1.90	0.29
Rosebery Growth	51.89	57.14	-0.14	...
International Strat	79.78	85.33	+0.21	...
UPC Ind-Act Grth	54.70	59.21	+0.27	...
Coverdale Topout	52.55	56.79	-0.28	...
Prem Equity Inc	108.70	114.40	...	...
Lowes Intl Growth	45.32	47.70	-0.02	1.23

PROVIDENT MUTUAL UT MGRS LTD
25-31 Moorgate, London EC2R 6BA
071 588 3963

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Gth	167.30	178.00	-0.20	1.63
European Gth	98.34	104.10	+0.60	0.16
Income & Gth	130.70	139.00†	-0.40	2.97
Japan Gth	128.10	135.70	-0.70	...
Nth Amer Gth	111.60	118.70	-0.70	0.18
Overseas Gth	89.68	95.38	-0.29	...

PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD
51-59 Ilford Hill, Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL
081 478 3377 Client Enq: 071 911 4490 Intermed dlg: 071 911 4314 Pricefonic: 0426 925 091

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed Tst	35.91	38.40	-0.04	1.56
Cash Haven Inc	101.39	101.88	+0.02	4.37
Cash Haven Acc	110.15	110.69	+0.03	4.37
Dist Trust Inc	92.98	99.44†	+0.21	4.63
Dist Trust Acc	95.04	101.64†	+0.21	4.63
Global Growth	86.92	92.96	-0.08	1.20
Equity Inc	80.00	85.56	+0.19	3.59
Equity	703.90	752.83†	+1.67	2.28
European	207.51	221.93	+1.03	0.71
High Income	86.67	92.69†	+0.43	5.10
Intl Grth	177.26	189.58	-0.48	1.02
Intl Sm Co	76.19	81.48†	-0.27	0.49
Japanese	231.78	247.89†	-0.73	...
Nth Amer	155.51	165.97	-1.84	1.77
Pacific Mkts	105.48	112.81	-0.83	0.32
Premier Inc	46.21	48.11†	-0.03	5.09
Sm Cos	85.72	91.67	+0.06	1.73
Spec Sits	106.48	113.88	+0.28	2.20
UK Growth	117.37	125.52	+0.22	2.27

RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD
Reliance House, Tunbridge Wells, Kent
0892 510 033

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
British Life	294.00	311.90†	-1.00	3.35

ROCK ASSET MGMT (UNIT TRUST) LTD
Balmoral House, Regent Centre, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3NG 091 285 2555

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Managed	93.04	98.72	...	2.16

ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4
Dealers: 071 280 5000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
FA America (Inc)	488.61	520.03	-6.01	0.39
FA America (Acc)	571.24	607.96	-7.04	0.39
EA UK Equity Inc	155.75	166.11	-0.51	3.38
FA Japan	278.31	296.35	-1.44	...
FA Major UK Cos	93.18	99.30	-0.27	2.22
EA Smlr UK Cos	281.46	306.15†	-0.15	1.17
FA European	317.77	337.89	+2.05	0.39
FA Amer Smllr Cos	42.30	45.56	-0.30	...
FA Asia	51.83	55.57	+0.20	...
FA Jap Smllr Cos	57.50	61.61	-0.03	...
RAM Personal Pension				
UK Major Cos	93.19	98.09	-0.27	...
UK Smllr Cos	80.67	84.91	-0.04	...
UK Income	91.60	96.41	-0.30	...
American	98.04	103.19	-1.19	...
Japanese	61.17	64.38	-0.32	...
European	101.71	107.05	+0.64	...
Gilt	84.05	88.46	+0.10	...
Deposit	82.04	86.36	+0.05	...
Managed	96.67	101.75	-0.17	...
RAM FSAVC Scheme				
UK Major Cos	90.81	95.58	-0.26	...
UK Smaller Cos	78.87	83.01	-0.05	...
UK Income	89.42	94.12	-0.28	...
America	95.49	100.51	-1.17	...
Japanese	59.60	62.73	-0.31	...
European	99.14	104.35	+0.63	...
Gilt	83.19	87.56	+0.13	...
Deposit	78.14	82.25	+0.08	...
Managed	92.27	97.07	-0.15	...

ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD
PO Box 34, Peterborough PE2 0UE
Prices: 0733 282 828 Gen Enq: 0733 390 000
Dealing: 0733 393 000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
United States	72.38	77.29†	-0.47	0.11
Pacific Basin	84.57	90.90†	-0.71	...
High Inc Dist	125.90	134.20†	-0.10	4.97
Ryl Life Int Curry	57.30	60.93	-0.05	3.89
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	67.24	71.84	-0.25	0.027
Ryl Life Intl Spec	64.22	68.31	-0.31	...
UK Emerging Cos	123.30	133.20	+0.30	1.16
UK Index Trckg	159.80	170.20	+6.70	3.29
European	126.30	136.20†	+0.70	0.28
Managed	143.60	154.40	-0.50	0.82

ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD
Royal Ldn Hse, Colchester CO1 1RA
0206 764 400

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Growth	139.80	148.00	-1.10	0.29
European Growth	110.70	117.00	+0.90	0.76
Far East Growth	140.60	149.60	-0.40	0.11
Japan Growth	143.70	152.80†	+0.90	...
Special Sits	188.50	200.50†	-0.20	1.48
UK Growth	74.19	78.92	-0.85	2.39
Trilon General	236.50	251.70†	-0.60	0.60

ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NS
041 307 6580

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Far East Inc	181.50	192.50	-2.00	0.06
Gtr Euro Prog Inc	345.30	365.40	+0.30	1.24
Growth Inc	131.80	139.50	-0.33	0.42
International Inc	340.00	359.80	-0.90	0.26
Nth Am & Intl Inc	311.70	329.80	-4.40	0.01
UK Gen Prog Inc	217.40	230.00	-0.10	1.48
UK High Inc Inc	131.40	139.00	+0.30	3.98

SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD
City Place Hse, 55 Basinghall St EC2V 5DJ
071 330 0572

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American Gwth	61.95	65.90	-0.91	5.50
Amer Smllr Cos	76.96	81.87	-1.02	...
Asian Gwth	117.58	125.08	-0.62	0.73
European Gwth	67.97	72.30	+0.29	1.00
Global Bd	57.57	60.88	...	5.00
Global Eq	65.26	69.42	-0.55	0.50
Japanese Eq	59.11	62.88	-0.27	...
Japan Sm Cos	69.53	73.97	-0.17	...
UK Gen	52.76	56.12	+0.02	2.80
UK Gwth	56.77	60.39	+0.02	1.75

SAVE & PROSPER GROUP
16-22 Western Rd, Romford RM1 3LB
0708 766 966

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Inc & Gwth	64.24	68.34†	-1.72	4.46
Amer Smllr Cos	105.90	112.70	-1.10	...
Asian Smaller Cos	50.80	54.04	-0.25	...
Capital Portfolio	125.90	133.90	-1.10	2.15
Capital	161.20	171.50	-0.40	0.63
Cash	124.70	124.70†	+0.10	4.74
China Dragon	63.53	67.38	-1.09	0.37
Commodity	140.10	149.00	-1.0	0.29
Eastern Discovery	111.20	118.30	+0.70	...
Energy Inds	127.60	135.70	-1.10	0.37
European Gwth	186.60	198.50	+1.20	...
Euro Inc & Gwth	75.71	80.54	+0.16	2.01
Euro Smllr Cos	52.21	55.54	+0.55	...
Financial Secs	195.20	207.70	-1.20	0.58
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	47.20	49.81†	-0.04	8.98
Gold & Exploration	90.17	95.93	-0.67	0.23
High Return	222.20	236.40	-0.50	4.31
High Yield	221.90	236.10†	+0.50	3.52
Income	116.20	123.60	-0.20	4.44
Intl Bond	153.90	164.80†	...	5.98
ITG	206.00	219.10†	-1.10	1.05
Japan Growth	187.40	199.40†	-0.30	...
Japan Smaller	218.00	231.90	-1.70	...
Korea	81.61	86.82†	-0.42	...
Masterfund	56.88	60.51	+0.44	0.29
Scotbits	294.30	313.10	-1.40	0.98
Scotshares	281.80	299.80	-1.30	2.36
Scotyields	235.60	250.60	-0.60	3.76
Select Intl	143.80	153.00†	-0.90	0.46
Smaller Cos Inc	244.20	259.80†	+0.30	3.30
SE Asia	621.70	661.40	-2.40	...
Special Situation	120.10	127.80	-0.40	1.52
UK Equity	238.30	253.70	+0.30	2.95
UK Growth	61.83	65.78	-0.29	1.41
UK Smllr Cos Gwth	46.33	49.29	-0.03	0.71
US Growth	139.60	148.50	-1.10	0.42
Univ Growth	141.90	151.00	-0.80	0.75

SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St EC4V 4EJ Client: 0800 526 535 Broker: 0800 526 540 General Enquiries: 071 382 3800

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Retail Funds				
American	236.86	252.12	-1.65	0.85
European Gwth	73.17	77.90	-0.05	0.98
Euro Smllr Cos	76.07	81.14	+0.47	0.22
Far Eastern Gth	104.73	111.71	-0.24	...
Gilt & Fixed Int	49.49	52.19†	+0.25	7.19
Global Bond	47.83	49.43	-0.13	6.41
Global Emer Mkts	60.11	64.11†	-0.40	...
Income	342.55	365.38†	+0.04	3.76
Japan Smllr Cos	534.86	570.51	-2.18	...
Japan Enterprise	74.80	79.78†	-0.47	...
Pacific Gwth	141.15	150.56†	-1.17	...
Seoul	57.92	62.34	+0.16	...
Smaller Cos	205.04	218.70	+0.13	1.09
Tokyo	129.26	137.87†	-0.55	...
UK Enterprise	242.45	258.61	+0.29	2.46
UK Equity	233.40	248.96	+0.24	2.66
US Smllr Cos	148.84	158.76	-1.18	...
World Fd	79.35	84.63†	-0.09	1.79
Institutional Funds				
European	233.24	242.95	+2.60	1.30
Euro Smllr Cos	29.49	30.71	+0.26	1.58
Global Equity Inc	77.76	80.99†	-0.61	0.83
Japan Smllr Cos	42.04	43.79	-0.08	...
Mngd Balanced	184.08	191.74	-0.03	2.76
Overseas Equity	191.29	199.26	+0.01	0.73
Oseas Smllr Cos	127.00	132.29	+0.01	0.44
Pacific	263.26	274.22†	-2.71	0.95
Recovery	£18.32	£19.08	+3.63	2.84
UK Index	151.62	157.93	+0.41	3.28
UK Small Cos	111.38	116.22	+0.10	2.66
US Smllr Cos	42.65	44.42	-0.38	0.48

SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD
150 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5NQ
041 204 2200

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Income	48.00	51.22	-0.39	2.57
Equity Trust	59.23	63.10	-0.71	2.53
Equity Strategy	67.09	71.45	-0.47	1.61
European Opps	85.88	91.46	-0.26	0.85
UK Smaller Cos	60.61	64.55	-0.09	1.28
Maximum Inc	98.60	101.16	+0.03	6.02
Japanese	83.71	89.15	-0.32	...
Asia Pacific	131.80	140.43	-1.48	0.67
American	95.83	102.06	-1.17	0.50

SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD
28 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 0800 454 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	30.54	30.54	+0.02	4.969
UK General Inc	50.24	53.57	-0.06	2.84
Intl Income	282.20	300.40†	-1.30	1.01
European	78.78	83.56	+0.48	1.47
Japan	72.11	76.31	-0.20	0.06
American	62.89	66.72	-0.26	1.92
Far East	93.60	99.84	-0.69	0.70
Ethical Inc	28.12	31.15	-0.04	2.15
UK Blue Chip Inc	32.43	34.68†	-0.07	2.96
High Inc Inc	35.13	37.47	+0.02	3.44
UK Global Inc	40.83	43.59	+0.03	1.57
Wwide Tact	75.10	80.25†	-0.47	1.25
Europe 2000 Tact	53.21	56.58	+0.53	1.51
Technology	102.79	109.69†	-0.42	1.51

SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS
19 St Andrew Sq, Edinburgh 031 225 2211

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity	374.00	399.40	+1.20	2.87
American	250.40	265.90	-1.90	0.50
Pacific	406.10	434.30	-3.70	0.45
European	533.00	570.10	+1.90	1.21
Worldwide	88.91	95.09	-0.34	0.74

SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD
109 St Vincent St, Glasgow G2 5HN
041 248 6100

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
UK Equity Inc	267.80	284.90	-0.70	2.20
UK Slr Co Eq Inc	189.10	201.20	+0.10	1.62
Select Oppnty Inc	64.51	69.32†	-0.24	2.18
Income Plus Inc	70.03	74.80†	-0.12	3.73
European Inc	343.30	365.30†	+2.00	1.09
Far Eastern Inc	179.70	191.20†	-1.90	0.75
Japanese Inc	65.73	69.93†	-0.49	...
Nth American Inc	233.00	247.90†	-1.80	0.62
Intl Growth Inc	204.10	217.20	-0.70	0.74
Wwide Venture Inc	79.67	84.76†	-0.15	0.71

SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT
PO Box 902, Edinburgh EH16 5BU
031 655 3724

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity Inc	352.60	376.00	-2.90	2.95
UK High Inc	176.50	188.20	-1.40	3.85
Europe Inc	357.40	381.10	-3.70	0.32
Nth Amer Inc	210.00	224.00	-3.20	0.28
Global Inc	204.90	218.60	-1.40	0.32
UK Spec Sits Inc	94.93	101.20	-0.50	3.02
South East Asia	242.90	259.00	-1.30	0.44
Cash Trust Inc	101.30	101.30	+0.10	4.77
UK Smllr Cos Inc	100.60	107.50	+0.10	2.12
Intl Bond Inc	87.26	92.64	..	6.48

SEMPER EADEM FUND MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Sector Recovery	142.00	149.20	+0.49	4.47

SHARP (ALBERT E) & CO
5 Rayleigh Rd Hutton, Brentwood Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 261 010

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
European	122.50	128.90	+0.60	0.99
Nth American	96.62	101.70	-0.70	0.47
Intl Bond & Conv	122.00	128.40	+0.20	5.05
Pooled Pension (E)	181.70	195.40	...	2.24
Smaller Cos	70.17	73.86	-0.13	1.41
UK General	126.00	132.60	-0.30	2.10

SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD
21 New St, London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Amer Gth Fund‡	92.33	...	-1.01	0.0
Assets‡	116.10	...	-1.20	0.0
European‡	123.20	...	-0.10	0.0
Global Bonds‡	92.21	...	-0.19	7.75
Samurai‡	95.37	...	-0.83	0.0
UK Growth‡	102.10	...	+0.30	2.67
Tst Parts	108.00	..	-0.93	0.0

SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS
1 Riding House St, London W1A 3AS
071 637 5377

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	283.20	299.60	-0.90	0.11
Canadian	73.44	77.70	-0.63	0.30
Capital	124.70	133.70	-0.90	1.22
Cash	100.28	100.28†	+0.01	5.10
European	132.40	140.00	+0.60	0.74
Far Eastern	177.00	187.30	-0.10	...
Growth	133.60	141.30	-1.50	1.00
Income	126.40	133.70†	-1.00	4.78
Magnum	132.70	142.30	-1.00	1.21
Smllr Secs	365.50	386.70†	-1.90	0.84
Thoroughbred	154.10	165.30†	-1.20	1.11

SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD
12 Christchurch Rd, Bournemouth
0202 298 422

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Cash	50.30	57.80	+0.01	4.39
Cntrld Prfmnce	54.65	58.18	+0.21	7.90
Ethical	53.72	57.14†	+0.07	3.00
European Growth	72.53	77.38	+0.40	2.60
Income	54.46	58.09	+0.16	5.90
Intl Growth	97.50	104.00	...	2.60
Managed	81.08	86.48	+0.14	3.50
UK Growth	60.30	64.32	+0.16	3.30

STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS
PO Box 141 1 Tanfield Edinburgh EH3 5RG
0800 393 777

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	38.26	40.56	-0.30	1.55
Global Advtg Acc	40.80	43.25	-0.30	1.55
Income Advtg Inc	30.56	32.40†	-0.20	3.79
Income Advtg Acc	33.40	35.41	-0.20	3.79
UK Equity Gth Acc	64.30	68.16	-0.30	1.34
Standard Life Tst Mngmt Ltd				
Managed Acc	49.78	52.90	-0.30	1.44
UK Eq Hi Inc Inc	35.76	38.00†	-0.30	3.74
UK Eq Hi Inc Acc	44.30	47.07	-0.30	3.74
UK Equity Gen Acc	60.33	64.11	-0.60	2.19
UK Equity Gen Inc	44.63	47.42†	-0.40	2.19
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	29.52	31.22†	...	6.71
Oseas Lrg Co Acc	311.80	338.40	-0.40	1.55
Nth American Acc	43.23	45.94	-0.20	0.83
Far East Acc	71.98	76.40	...	...
European Acc	51.52	54.74	+0.20	0.71

STATE STREET UT MGMT LTD
20 King Street, London SW1 6QW 071 344 7000

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Global A (NZ$)	3.960	4.079	...	0.52
US Eqts (US$)	2.413	2.563	...	0.68
Far East Eqts (yen)	249.40	264.50	...	...
Japan Eqties (yen)	270.30	287.10	...	...
FT Europe	121.60	129.10†	. .	1.54
FT N Amer (US$)	1.766	1.872	...	0.96
FT Japan (yen)	240.70	255.70	...	...
FT Asia Exjap (US$)	2.629	2.792†	...	0.76

STEWART IVORY UNIT TST MGRS LTD
45 Charlotte Sq, Edinburgh 031 226 3271

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
American	347.00	370.00	-3.80	0.06
British	984.20	£10.41†	+1.20	3.57
Emging Mkts	171.70	182.90	-1.50	...
European	528.00	554.40†	+4.10	0.93
Japan	163.20	173.20	-0.50	...
New Pacific	401.70	428.80	-3.40	0.69
Investment Tst	228.80	242.50†	-0.20	1.33
Mngd Equity	170.90	180.80	+0.20	1.42
Mngd Cash	95.60	95.60†	+0.00	4.50

SUN ALLIANCE UNIT TST MGMT LTD
5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex
Enquiries: 0277 227 300 Dealing: 0277 690 389

	Bid	Offer	+/-	Yld %
Equity	800.50	856.10	+1.20	3.21
North America	119.60	127.90	-1.00	0.82
Far East	157.90	168.40	-1.40	...
Wwide Bond	54.03	57.36†	-0.15	5.07
European	102.60	109.70†	+0.50	0.34
Equity Income	89.60	95.93	+0.42	5.06
Portfolio	84.53	90.41	-0.09	1.18
UK Leading Cos	58.81	62.56	+0.14	3.58
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Firms urged by Portillo to improve staff skills

BY PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

IMPROVING the skills of employees boosts the financial performance of companies and overall UK competitiveness, Michael Portillo said yesterday.

The Employment Secretary was launching a business-led drive to promote the Government's "Investors In People" (IIP) standard for quality employee training and development. Mr Portillo said that the standard could help to increase company profits, improve customer satisfaction and cut workforce absenteeism.

Business leaders joined Mr Portillo at the start of 200 separate events to take place this week and aimed at promoting the IIP standard. About 1,200 companies have achieved the standard, with a further 9,500 committed to trying. The Government would like to see 50 per cent of all companies with more than 200 employees achieve the IIP standard by 1996.

Mr Portillo said at the launch in London, which was linked by video to similar events around the country, that investment in people was like any other corporate investment in the dividends it paid, and stressed too the value of it to employees: "If we have a highly skilled workforce, we can have a highly paid workforce."

Sir Brian Wolfsen, chairman of IIP, said that achieving the investor standard had brought "very real and tangible" benefits to firms, including lower costs, increased productivity and reduced absenteeism.

Lord Sheppard, chairman of Grand Metropolitan and a keen supporter of IIP, urged companies to stop thinking about the standard and "start doing something about it", while both Tim Melville-Ross, director-general of the Institute of Directors, and John Monks, general-secretary of the TUC, said that there was scepticism about IIP but stressed the standard's value to individuals, organisations and the economy.

Rob Lummis, personnel director of the Rover Group, said that the IIP standard "allows us to recognise the contribution made by all our employees to the business."

Labour, however, attacked the Government's spending on Britain's training as a significant failing in the nation's industrial and economic competitiveness. Though the party supports the IIP standard, as do the Confederation of British Industry and the TUC, it said the Government had caused "massive damage" to skills training by cutting spending by a third.

Tony Lloyd, a Labour spokesman on employment, said: "Lack of Government direction means that employers have not invested in the skills of their employees, so that Britain lags behind other industrial nations in the stock of skills and qualifications."



David Crossland, chairman of Airtours, said *Nordic Prince* cruises will link logically with Airtours flights

Acorn dives into the red

BY MARTIN BARROW, CITY NEWS EDITOR

ACORN Computer Group, the school computer specialist controlled by Olivetti of Italy, slumped to losses of almost £2 million in the first half of the year, but pledged to return to the black in the second half.

The company incurred losses of £1.98 million in the six months to July, compared with profits of £305,000, on revenue almost unchanged at £23.7 million.

Sam Wauchope, group managing director, said the core personal computer business, which has more than 50 per cent of the market for computers in British schools, was affected adversely by changes in the pattern of educational spending and budgetary control. There was also a delay in purchases as the market anticipated the launch of the Risc personal computer, Acorn's new product. Early demand led to an order backlog of more than 2,000 Risc PC systems at the half-year, when Acorn incurred an operating loss of £2.2 million, against profits of £300,000, including a £400,000 loss in Online Media, a new division established early in the year to develop products and services for the interactive multi-media market.



Wauchope: profit pledge

Gross margin levels fell, compared with the first half of 1993, although they appear to have stabilised at levels seen in the second half, the company said. There is again no dividend.

Mr Wauchope said the Risc PC launch had been a success and, coupled with action to restore margins and reduce costs, the board was confident of a return to profit in the second half. In 1993 the company earned profits of £115,000 before tax.

Airtours to buy second cruise ship for $55m

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, WORLD TRADE CORRESPONDENT

AIRTOURS, the package holiday group whose first cruise ship goes into service next March, yesterday announced that it is to pay $55 million in cash for MS *Nordic Prince*, its second cruise vessel.

David Crossland, the Airtours chairman, said the considerable customer interest in the company's first cruise offering, and the fact that it is almost fully booked within only four months, encouraged further investment in this fast growing sector.

The new ship, with 1,062 lower berths and a gross registered tonnage of 23,200 tonnes, was acquired from Royal Caribbean Cruises, an American company that operates mainly in the Caribbean and US waters. The vessel, built in 1971, underwent a major conversion in 1980.

Airtours takes delivery of the ship in January, but it will be leased back to Royal Caribbean until March 15 to allow it to meet its winter season commitments. The ship will then undergo refurbishment, with the first Airtours cruise scheduled for May.

Hugh Collinson, group managing director, said the purchase would be made from Airtours' retained cash. The cruise operations would be centred on Palma, Majorca, and link up with Airtours flights there and its own hotels. He attributed the success of the cruise sales so far to highly competitive prices. The cheapest seven-day fly-cruise starts at £399, rising to a peak of £700.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

MY plea to absorb packaging costs

MY Holdings, the acquisitive paper, board and plastics packaging group, has expressed concern about the reluctance of leading supermarket chains to absorb the impact of higher raw material costs. John Grainger, chairman, said the packaging industry's raw material suppliers had increased their prices significantly, and customers had been asked to accept the cost of these moves. But supermarket chains "continue to endeavour to maintain their packaging costs." He said: "The inevitable conflict of these opposing forces will have to be resolved on an industry-wide basis."

The warning from Mr Grainger tempered reaction in the City to a rise in profits to £4.5 million before tax, from £2.5 million in the year to August 27, and the company's shares were unchanged at 54p. The MY dividend rises to 1.6p a share from 1.28p, with a final payout of 1.1p payable on January 23. Earnings rose to 4.5p a share from 3.9p a share, despite a doubling in the number of shares in issue to fund acquisitions.

BS Group back in black

BS GROUP, the property and leisure company formerly known as Bristol Scotts Group, has made its first profit since 1988, earning £429,000 before tax in the half-year to the end of June, against losses of £116,000 last time. There is an interim dividend of 3p a share, the first to be paid since 1990. Earnings were 6.87p (1.86p loss) a share. Turnover rose to £5.4 million (£4.3 million) and operating profits to £555,000, from £382,000. There was a £223,000 surplus from disposals. Net interest costs were £346,000 (£496,000).

Friendly Hotels link

FRIENDLY Hotels, headed by Henry Edwards, has forged an alliance with US-based Choice Hotels International, one of the world's biggest hotel franchise operations with more than 3,200 hotels in 34 countries. The 27 Friendly Hotels and Stop Inns in the UK, France and Denmark will become Choice franchises from next month and be renamed as Comfort Inns or Quality Hotels. The ten-year deal also includes a management agreement for Friendly at the Comfort Inn in London. Friendly's name will be retained.

Ross passes interim

ROSS Group, the consumer products and technical services group, has passed the interim (0.2p) after a collapse in profits to £15,000 before tax, from £602,000 in the half-year to June 30. Ross shares fell 2p to 8½p. About £500,000 of restructuring costs has been charged against profits. Noel Hayes, chairman, said difficult trading conditions persisted, with no evidence of a sustained upturn in demand. The exception was the power supplies business, where volumes, sales and profits all advanced significantly to record levels.

Forward restores payout

FORWARD Technology has restored the interim dividend after a return to profit in the half year to June 30. Shareholders will receive 0.5p a share, to be paid on November 30, from earnings of 0.8p a share, against losses of 3.6p. Pre-tax profits were £340,000, recovering from a loss of £1.23 million previously, when there was an exceptional charge of £800,000. Turnover increased to £21.7 million from £20.1 million, resulting in an operating profit of £560,000, compared with a £147,000 deficit last time.

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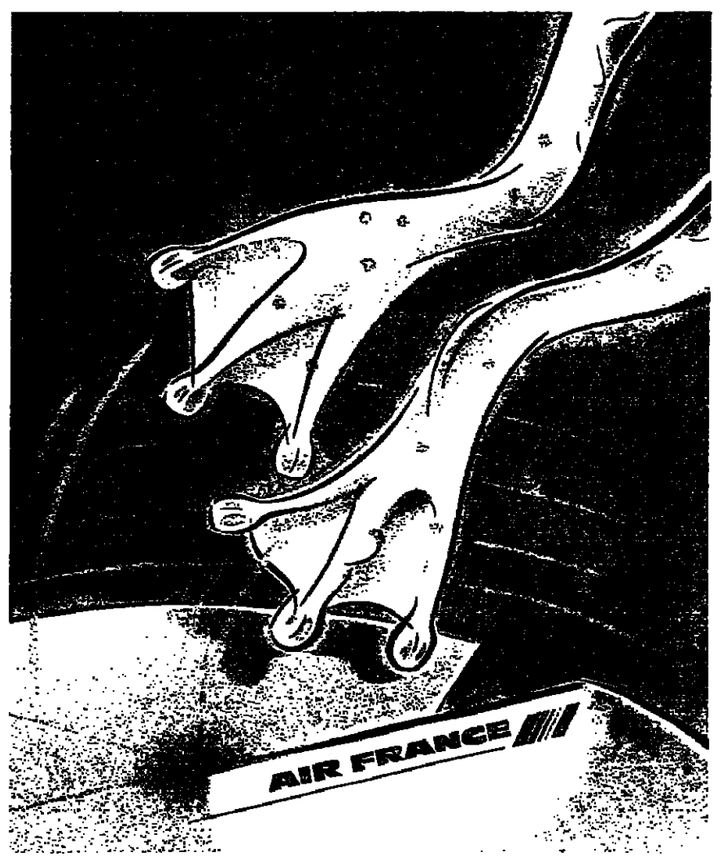
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South West's small firms given a boost

BY DEREK HARRIS

A DRIVE to increase help for smaller businesses in Gloucestershire is planned by the recently launched Gloucestershire Development Agency. The county has also linked with four others in the South West — Wiltshire, Avon, Somerset and Dorset — to increase lobbying power in Brussels. The aim is to tap European resources that would largely benefit small and medium-sized businesses.

Counselling and other help for existing businesses to improve their skill levels and to expand, as well as to encourage the formation of new businesses, will initially be the agency's main weapons.

A series of sector working groups is being set up, backed by key business executives and other experienced professionals, to see what action is needed to help businesses in key sectors.

Recession and the "peace dividend" have both hit Gloucestershire, so the working groups are looking at a wide variety of prospects — in manufacturing, finance and support services, information technology and telecommunications, leisure and tourism, aerospace, food and drink and exports. One group will look at the special needs of small business, such as the availability of modest amounts of financing. About 80 per cent of employment in Gloucestershire is accounted for by businesses with fewer than 50 staff.

John Hazelwood, a top Birds Eye Wall's executive who is chairman of the development agency, said that, rather than wait for a single big inward investor to rescue the county economy, it had been decided to build up Gloucestershire's main business base in smaller and medium-sized firms.

Encouragement of start-ups will continue. The county has seen 2,000 small businesses started in the past three years and success rates have been high, with 83 per cent surviving after 12 months and 72 per cent after 18. Mr Hazelwood said: "We are careful about whom we help. Would-be entrepreneurs have to pass muster on business plans, checkover by business counsellors and training."

More details: Gloucestershire Tec on 01452 534488.



"That should just about get me to Calais!"

The model homemaker

BY VERONICA HEATH

RICHARD Fry, a Cotswold stone tiler who builds in the warm-coloured local stone, is using his professional skills to add a profitable sideline: scale models of Cotswold dwellings to special order.

"It was my father-in-law who suggested it," he says. "I had been tiling for 30 years and had built a model of a stone cottage — the steep roof pitches, mullion windows with lintels and dripstones, windows in the gables, everything exactly to scale. He was impressed and asked why I did not build models to order."

Mr Fry reckons building is in his blood. "Very few people can do traditional Cotswold stone tiling, but that is what I am skilled in. It has always been my craft."

His latest work, a 1:24 scale model cottage, nine inches high and made of stone and wood, took 1,600 hours to complete.

He designed it from the original plans, using 4,000 pieces of stone tile to create the roof alone. The model earned an exhibition place with the National Stone Walling Association in the Cotswolds.

Typical cost of the models in the fine-grained limestone, which lends itself well to intricate work, is £2,000. Greater complexity of design naturally adds to the final cost.

The tiles for the models are by-products of normal building work. Mr Fry said: "Stone tile roofs, when we strip them, usually have half the tiles damaged so they have to be re-dressed.

"I had a hunch the resulting fragments, varying from an eighth to three-eighths of an inch long, could be utilised somehow. With the models, I build exactly to scale, using sand and cement and an additive which holds them together."

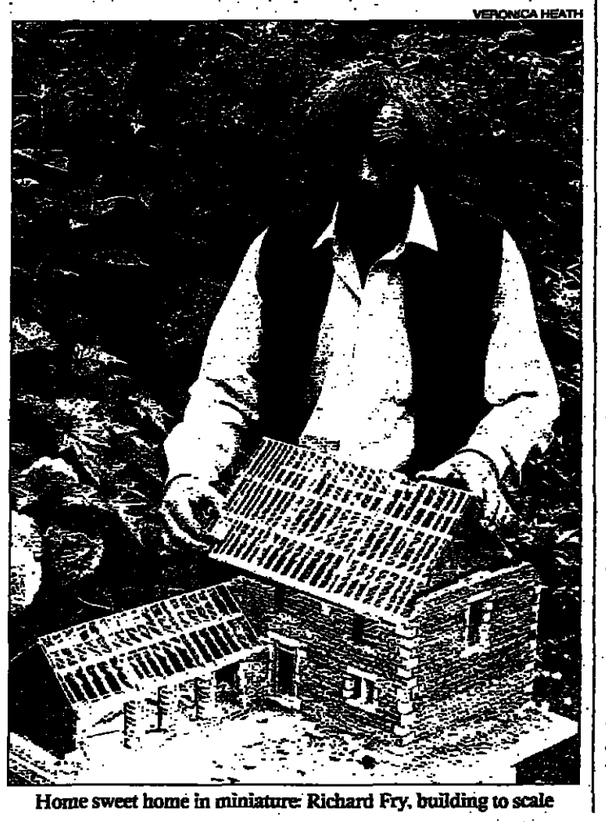
The roof is deal timber, while oak offcuts from his builder's yard fashion the windows and doors. Portland stone is used for special effects. Inside each model house, rooms are created with partition walls and fireplaces. Although it is intricate work, lights can be fitted in the interiors.

His customers are mainly house-owners with Cotswold stone homes that they cherish. He said: "There are those whose home has been in the family for a long time and a scale model seems to have an enormous appeal. It is also a valuable and interesting legacy for future generations."

His wife, Vanessa, an experienced gardener, lays out flower beds and vegetable patches around the models.

Mr Fry is also planning a model of his local church at Rendcomb in Gloucestershire, where he was married. He explained: "I'm going to make it so that the roof can be lifted off the belfry so as to look down on the clock. The next bit above the chancel and the pews will come off as well."

VERONICA HEATH



Home sweet home in miniature: Richard Fry, building to scale

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Wider sources of finance for small businesses are urged by the Association of Independent Businesses in its Budget recommendations. The AIB wants an extension of the Enterprise Allowance Scheme, close monitoring of bank usage of the Government's Loan Guarantee Scheme and a review of the mutual guarantee schemes used widely on the Continent. More investment incentives through capital allowances and a more favourable corporation tax rate for small firms are also urged. The AIB would also like to see deeper cuts in red tape regulations, from abolition of National Insurance to restructuring of value-added tax. Toby Aykroyd, AIB operations director, said: "Smaller firms can play a crucial role in the economic recovery, but this potential can only be unlocked through far-sighted policies."

☐ Guidance on securing funding for research and development under the European Union's fourth framework programme will be given at a free seminar on Wednesday, November 2, sponsored by the Milton Keynes chamber of commerce and the local authority. There is about £10 billion available in this European fund. Details from the chamber on 01908 662123.

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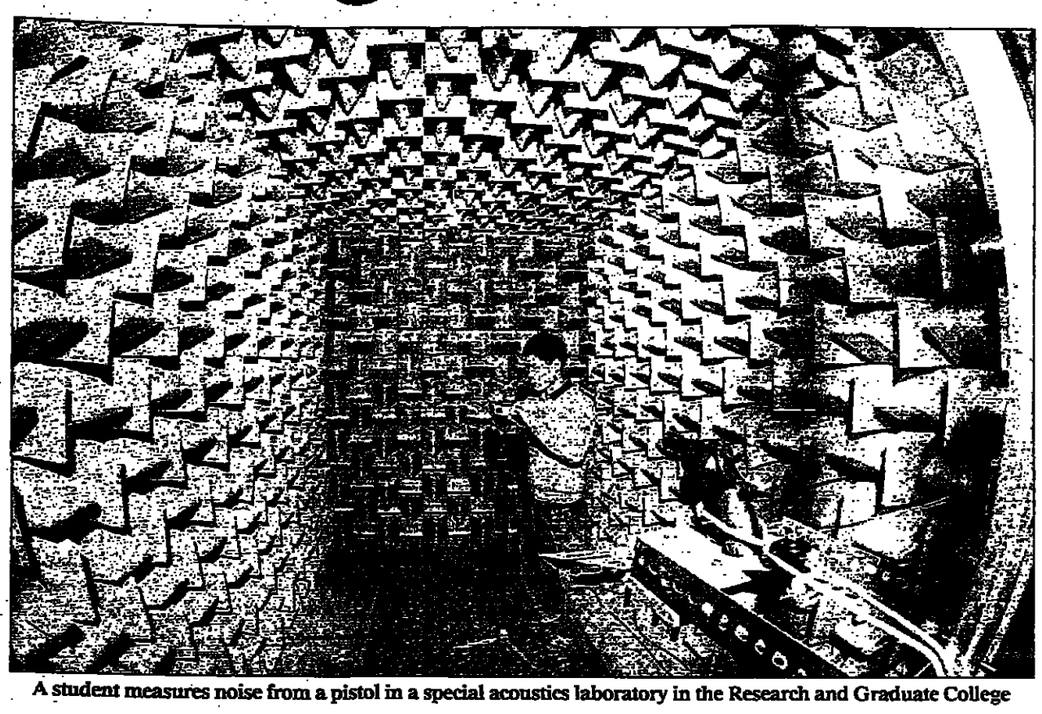
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All change in the brave real world

The university has devolved its research to six specialised institutes, reports Paul McGill



A student measures noise from a pistol in a special acoustics laboratory in the Research and Graduate College

Salford University has decided to move responsibility for research and the teaching of postgraduates from its faculties and departments to six new multi-disciplinary research institutes and a graduate school. Today, the university's Research and Graduate College will be formally opened by Professor William Stewart, the Government's Chief Scientific Adviser.

Explaining the move, Professor Chris Bryant, the director of the university's Institute for Social Research, says: "Anybody who thinks all academic staff will have an active research career is not living in the real world. The financial figures simply do not add up."

Professor Tom Husband, the Vice-Chancellor, says the change is necessary because "the boundaries between disciplines are becoming more and more fudged and future research is likely to be in those boundary areas".

Professor Tony Chester, the director of the Technology Information, Management and Economics Institute, agrees. "Most problems are too complex for a valid solution to lie within a single discipline, yet they require the underpinning of the sound theoretical base that comes from within disciplines," he says. "An obvious example is the way information systems and operational research contribute to research projects in building and construction management."

At Salford, which has excellent links with industry, different specialists often work in teams. "Now," says Professor Husband, "instead of one professor and a few research assistants, we will have a dozen professors working together and sparking off one another." The Science Research Institute, for example, brings together related areas of work, leading to the fuller exploitation of expensive facilities and equipment.

The work of the new institutes will be of help to companies specialising in surface sciences, bringing together physics and electrical and mechanical engineering, and the combination of radar and geographical information systems for flood prediction.



Professor Husband: improving rankings

A further aim of the sweeping changes is to improve Salford's ratings in future national research assessments. Some of the weaker areas have been combined with stronger ones in the hope of raising standards, or maximising synergy, as the university calls it.

Professor Husband says: "In 1996 we hope for a significant improvement in our rankings over 1992, and to achieve a significant number of grade 4s (national excellence) and a few grade 5s (national and international excellence). There might not be a major shift before the year 2000, but the new structure will stand us in good stead."

The Vice-Chancellor is pleased that the changes have caused surprisingly little friction. There is a transition period during which academics can try to push their research work up to grade 4, and have extra support in doing so.

But selectivity inevitably means that more money goes to those judged to be the best and the weaker ones will lose out. "People below grade 4 will find it difficult to find a place in the long term," says Professor Husband.

Faculties and departments have lost responsibilities but, on the positive side, they are free to tackle the problems posed by a decade of expansion in student numbers. "Their role," he says, "is to examine the increasing use of technology in teaching and learning, such as distance learning and multimedia innovations like cables to student residences."

The other part of the change is improved facilities for graduate students. "Too many British universities treat postgraduates as second-class citizens; we want them to know we value them and will support them," Professor Husband says.

Professor James Powell, the director of the graduate school, wants to tackle deficiencies in postgraduate training nationwide. He says: "A lot of my work will be about creating more courses for industry and making students more flexible and dynamic, people who can work together on a challenge and who can understand business and make technology workable."

From virtual reality sewer design to soap powder pollution

Robots trip the light fantastic

They may be slower and less exciting than Astaire and Rogers, but two robots being developed in the Telford Institute at Salford University are light on their wheels. Already Fred and Ginger, as they are nicknamed, can pick up and carry around objects, while avoiding obstacles, *Paul McGill writes.*

All the mini-robots have potentially valuable applications, so outside companies are keenly interested in the Salford research, which has a £220,000 grant from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council.

Other work at the institute, funded by the Defence Ministry and the Health and Safety Executive, focuses on systems to minimise nuisance caused by firing ranges and on devices to cancel out noise.

Intelligent machines also feature in the Design, Manufacturing and Marketing Institute, which has won several contracts, including one from British Aerospace to develop digital flight-control systems, from Ford to examine car-steering and another to improve long-lasting knives.

Washing machines may be cleaner in future after work by Salford's Science Research Institute. Phosphates in soap powders cause pollution, so Unilever and ICI have asked the institute to investigate using other materials.

Research in the Technology, Information, Management and Economics Institute includes the built environment, which gained a top rating in 1992. Salford was a leader in creating systems that can tell how much a building project should cost, how long it will take and what the profit is likely to be. Already 800 systems have been sold and new ones are being developed and marketed by a company formed with the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors.

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Smallest of the six is the Institute for Social Research. It is doing topical research, such as how well internal markets are working in the health service, the evaluation of community care and the management style of Japanese companies in Britain.

The European Studies Research Institute is carrying out traditional research, including co-editing the letters of Charles Dickens, but much is new, such as a study of Eastern and Central European privatisation.

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319	246	Bk of Ireland	291	+6	...	4.5	8.4
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1521½	1000	SA Breweries	1306½	+15½	...	2.1	21.3
591	477	Scot & New	511	-2	...	4.2	15.2
190	142	Taunton Cider	161		...	5.1	12.3
306	229	Vaux Group	239		...	5.0	15.4
421	324½	Wetherspoon JD	416	-1	...	2.0	∞
617	494	Whitbread	549	+3	...	4.3	16.0
589	493	Wolvrhmptn D	539	-1	...	3.0	15.1
180	148	Yates Bros	166		...	2.3	20.5
555	492	Young 'A'	500		...	3.8	19.2

BUILDING, ROADS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
205	135	Abbey	150	...	...	4.4	10.9
27	12	Albrighton	16 †	...	...	3.9	15.3
200	148	Allen	169	...	...	3.4	20.0
164	99	Amec	104 †	-3½	...	3.6	60.0
454	333	Ashtead	448	+1	...	1.5	28.3
165	107	Attwoods	113	-2	...	5.5	...
363	274	BPB Ind	314		...	3.2	21.2
142	93	Baggeridge Brk	128	-1	...	3.1	24.2
41	26	Bailey (Ben) Con	35 †	...	...	2.5	21.4
88	18½	Barcom	36	...	...	6.1	4.3
60	34½	Bardon	39 †	...	...	6.4	...
292	161	Barratt Devs	182 †	...	...	4.1	∞
169	122½	Beazer Homes	138 †	-1	...	4.9	10.8
304	179	Bellway	196	...	...	4.0	18.4
59	40	Bellwinch	40½	...	...	...	35.6
244	125	Beristord Intl	195	...	...	...	...
573	383	Berkeley Gp	390	-7	...	2.2	16.2
215	118	Bett Bros	175	...	...	2.0	8.7
93	60	Blockleys	66 †	...	...	1.7	...
391	262	Blue Circle	294 †	...	...	4.8	20.9
355	250	Boot (Henry)	250	...	...	3.2	12.7
84	35	Brandon Hire	70 †	...	...	2.7	∞
117	77	Breedon PLC	93 †	...	...	6.2	26.6
154	130	Br Dredging	137	...	...	5.2	10.2
99	78	Brit Fittings	90 †	...	...	3.1	...
197½	120	Bryant	131 †	-1	...	4.8	14.7
149½	111½	CALA	118 †	...	...	3.0	16.3
409	321	CRH	364	+7	...	2.6	18.5
70	31	Cakebread Rby	43	...	...	...	...
42	20½	Costain	23½	+½	...	...	...
195	123	Countryside	131	...	...	3.9	29.1
120	82	Crest Nicholson	85	...	...	2.4	15.8
140	100	Cussins	109 †	...	...	3.9	13.2
30	19	Edmond Hldgs	21½	...	...	1.7	...
350	273	Epwin	317 †	...	...	3.1	18.8
82	57	Erith	69 †	...	...	2.5	38.8
473	328	Eve Group	328	...	...	4.2	13.4
60	27	Galliford	30 †	+½	...	4.2	...
112	87	Gibbs & Dandy	94 †	-3	...	3.6	...
1028	833	Gleeson (MJ)	838	...	...	1.9	14.6
218	168	Graham Grp	172½	...	...	3.5	16.5
169	139	Hewden-Stuart	154 †	+1½	...	2.4	17.7
82	46	Hewetson	73	+3	...	2.1	...
473	291	Heywd Wim	298 †	...	...	5.7	16.8
144	86	Higgs & Hill	96 †	...	...	3.3	...
41	27	How Gp	37 †	-1	...	2.5	...
32	20	Howard Hldgs	24 †	...	...	4.2	22.4
100	67	Ibstock	80 †	...	...	1.0	...
25	6	Jarvis	9½	...	...	...	...
138	104	Keller	113 †	...	...	4.2	13.1
428	204	Laing (J)	230 †	...	...	4.9	20.8
104	90½	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	95½	+½	...	8.4	...
145	115	Lon Clydeside	125	...	...	4.8	17.3
173	63	Lovell (YJ)	78	...	...	...	...
405	302	Manders	306 †	...	...	4.1	14.9
213½	130	Marley	139 †	...	...	3.8	16.5
155	126	Marshalls	145	+1	...	3.7	17.8
253	196	Maunders (J)	222	...	...	3.1	∞
321	186	McAlpine (A)	208 †	-9	...	3.9	30.5
76½	50½	McCarthy & S	57	...	...	1.1	...
569	359	Meyer Intl	398	+5	...	3.4	16.8
185½	94	Mowlem (J)	109	-2	...	2.3	...
202½	96	NSM	105	...	...	...	12.1
196	146	Newman Tonks	157 †	...	...	5.1	19.8
379½	216	Persimmon	226 †	-3	...	5.1	16.9
20	9	Phoenix Timber	13	...	...	...	...
1802	1450	Pochins	1631½	...	...	2.5	∞
198	128	Prowting	131	...	...	3.2	40.3
1079	805	RMC Gp	972 †	...	...	2.8	20.1
116	53	Raine Ind	58 †	+1	...	6.5	∞
40	21	Ramus	21	...	...	...	...
690	466	Redland	484 †	+5	...	6.5	22.4
108	70	Roskel	99 †	+½	4.3	5.4	...
165½	117	Rugby Group	126 †	+1	...	3.4	15.9
61	50	Secure Retire	51	...	...	...	...
67	50	Svrfld-Rye	63 †	...	0.7	1.5	29.6
200	155	Sharpe & Fisher	175 †	+2	...	3.1	12.8
298	222	Sheffield Insl	249 †	...	...	2.8	20.0
365	233	Sheriff Hldgs	365	...	...	1.5	24.3
161	94	Shorco	161	+1	...	4.3	15.0
245	195	Smart (J)	233	...	...	4.6	20.1
5	1½	Starmin	1½	...	...	...	...
206	121	Tarmac	138 †	+1	...	5.2	...
257	151	Tay Homes	191 †	+3	...	4.5	∞
183	116	Taylor Woodrw	120 †	-1	...	1.8	29.3
760	538	Tilbury Dougls	558 †	+3	...	7.4	42.8
63	36	Torex Hire	56	...	...	2.0	29.2
370	224	Travis Perkins	295 †	...	...	3.5	18.2
29½	15	Trencherwood	16	...	...	...	...
40½	23	Try Group	25 †	...	...	2.5	...
26	21	Tudor	24	...	...	1.3	...
114	90	Vibroplant	114	-1½	...	3.9	30.1
170	123½	Walnhomes	129	...	...	4.1	13.9
74	48	Ward Hldgs	60	...	...	1.0	...
63	33	Waterhouse	55	...	...	...	...
545	450	Watts Blake	534 †	...	...	2.9	20.3
225½	148	Westbury	162	...	...	4.1	18.1
7	3½	Wiggins	7	...	...	...	...
571	332	Wilson Bowdn	353 †	-2	...	3.4	15.7
259	171	Wilson (C)	189 †	-2	...	2.8	15.7
249	132	Wimpey G	147 †	-3	...	4.5	22.0
30	16	YJM	17	...	...	...	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
740	583	ADT	708	-2	...	...	...
479	253	Adam & Harvey	475	...	...	3.9	6.5
63	58	Air London	65	...	...	6.7	14.2
62	44	African Lakes	57	...	...	1.1	...
140	86	Auto Sec	88	...	...	...	11.4
152	99	BET Ord	108½	...	...	3.7	18.1
195	115	BNB Res	167	...	...	3.4	21.6
255	175	BPP	214 †	...	...	5.2	15.3
189	133	BSM	134 †	...	...	6.0	11.4
275	184	Barbour Index	184	...	...	5.8	∞
1	0½	Black & Edg	1	...	...	...	...
226	159	Brit Data Mgt	185 †	+1	...	3.6	∞
31	22	Broadcastle	26	...	...	4.8	12.4
74	56	Brooks Service	59	-3	...	3.8	...
117½	87	CRT Gp	90	...	...	4.5	22.1
238	158	Capita Group	163	...	...	2.1	20.8
57	29½	Casket Plc	30½	...	...	4.5	10.4
26½	7½	Chiltern Capital	26	-½	...	...	...
85	40	Christie	40	...	...	...	...
433	292	Chubb Sec	316	+1	...	2.5	19.4
65	41	Corp Services	58½	...	...	0.5	22.0
97	48	Courts Cnslte	52	...	...	1.0	...
179	140	Dart	166	...	...	2.8	17.7
276	232	Davis Service	232 †	+1	...	4.4	15.6
154	96	EW Fact	96 †	...	...	6.4	7.2
34	19	Gardiner	18½	...	...	5.1	8.8
334	261	Hays	284 †	+½	...	2.7	19.4
289	220	Hogg Robinsn	225	...	...	3.9	15.7
39	18	Holmes Protectn	23	...	...	...	1.4
365½	240	Hutch Whamp	275½	-9	...	2.0	20.1
2596½	1728½	ISS B Dkr	1846½	-18½	...	5.7	2.0
609	395	Inchcape	445 †	+4	...	4.2	14.8
163	138	JBA Hldgs	142 †	+1	...	2.1	14.4
414	254	Johnson Clean	256	...	...	5.3	10.4
8	4	Lep	5½	...	...	...	...
194	141½	Mitie Gp	187	+8	...	1.5	21.9
1865½	1156½	Manpower	1819½	-31½	...	0.7	...
115	65	Michael Page	112 †	...	...	2.6	27.5
143	99	Partiy	135 †	...	...	2.1	35.3
115	83	Penna	84	...	...	6.0	...
97½	60½	Proudfoot	68 †	...	...	6.4	11.7
415	290	RCO	300	...	...	6.3	10.4
132	97	REA	132	...	...	5.7	27.3
177	104	Reed Executive	167	...	1.0	0.7	...
153	105	Reliance Sec	150	...	...	3.9	∞
279	199½	Rentokil	234 †	+1	...	1.6	24.1
196	147½	Rolfe & Nolan	187	...	...	2.7	24.1
292	243	Salvesen (C)	259	...	...	3.9	13.5
68	43	Scott Pickford	50	...	...	1.9	∞
17½	9	Select App	14	...	...	...	...
307	243	Serco Gp	288 †	...	...	1.6	26.2
130	75	Sherwd Cmp	108	...	...	...	...
130	93	Skechley	99	...	...	4.0	15.5
146	100	Unipalm	107	...	...	...	∞
338	325	Warner Howrd	327	...	...	2.8	15.5
39½	19	Wills Gp	20 †	...	...	3.1	11.2

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
159½	115½	Allied Colloids	143	-7	...	2.1	23.0
1141	910	Amersham	988	...	...	2.0	20.7
3½	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£140½	£108½	BASF DM	£133½	+22⅞	...	7.1	...
373	256	BTP	298	...	...	4.2	18.9
£160½	£129½	Bayer DM50	£147½	+25	...	6.2	...
171	97	Blagden	120	-3	...	1.6	56.1
131	98	Brent Chems	117 †	...	...	4.3	...
544	311½	Brit Biotech	341	...	...	...	...
13	5½	Caird Gp	6½	...	...	...	18.1
190	153	Canning (W)	181 †	...	...	5.0	30.6
580	429	Courtaulds	462	+3	...	4.0	32.3
389	322	Croda	366 †	+2	...	2.9	15.7
143	95	Doeflex	138	-1	...	4.2	15.4
283	225	Ellis & Everard	267	...	...	3.6	19.7
62	39½	Euro Colour	62	+1	...	2.3	22.1
394	337	Halstead (J)	376 †	-½	...	2.5	∞
223	155	Hickson	156 †	...	...	6.4	14.0
£153½	£108½	Hoechst	£138½	+22⅞	...	5.4	...
250	157½	Holliday Chem	218	+1	...	2.5	17.8
868	728	ICI	818	+25½	...	4.2	66.1
943	685	Laporte	722 †	+5	...	3.7	18.3
248	140	Leigh	192	...	...	5.1	17.6
95	48	MTM	83	-1	...	0.8	...
2506½	1912½	Norsk Hydro	2505½	+25	...	1.3	∞
625	461	Parsmon Zch	489	...	...	3.2	12.9
595	416	Paterson Zch 'A'	469	...	...	3.4	12.3
250	180	Plysu	180	...	...	4.9	35.7
349	265	Porvair	295 †	...	...	1.9	21.5
66	31	Suncliffe Speak	40	-1	...	1.6	23.7
490	361	Wardle Storeys	415	-10	...	5.2	21.7
823	570	Wsnhlme R	785 †	...	...	3.0	16.4
483	380	Yorks Chem	401	+4	...	2.6	17.3
336	258	Yule Catto	290 †	...	...	2.8	22.0
869	672	Zeneca	833 †	+9	...	4.2	16.7

DRAPERY, STORES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
248	203	Allders	215	+1	...	3.5	16.0
410	307	Argos Plc	321 †	+5½	...	3.2	16.9
102	54½	Ashley (Laura)	69½	...	...	0.2	...
357	134	Asprey	134	-2	...	5.6	6.6
246	176	Austin Reed	242 †	-1	...	2.8	12.2
168	137	Beattie (J) 'A'	137 †	...	...	5.7	17.9
150	110	Bentalls	126 †	...	...	2.0	43.7
165	36	Betterware	55	...	...	6.5	5.8
48	35	Blacks Leis	35	...	...	8.0	...
264	195½	Body Shop	228	+1	...	1.2	30.0
601	497	Boots	531	-4	...	3.5	21.0
12½	2½	Brown & Jacksn	3½	...	...	...	...
263	210	Brown (N)	241	-1	...	2.2	21.3
74½	51	Burton	64½	-½	...	3.9	...
245	159	Cantors	159 †	-7	...	3.1	∞
520	388	Church	500 †	...	...	3.2	29.5
177	96	Clinton Cards	101 †	...	...	5.8	14.2
287	194	Coats Viyella	215	-4	...	4.9	18.4
170	90	Ctry Casuals	90	-2	...	6.0	9.2
903	730	Courts Furnish	730	...	...	1.0	37.2
210	155	Crown Eye	170	...	...	7.0	7.4
137	82½	Dairy Farm Intl	82½	...	...	4.5	11.7
143	97½	Dewhirst (IJ)	124½	...	...	1.7	17.6
287	170	Dixons Grp	204	+2½	...	4.0	21.7
11½	7½	ERA Gp	8½	...	...	...	...
11½	4½	Eclipse Blinds	8½	...	...	2.8	...
590	530	Elys (Wimbldn)	580	...	...	3.8	37.2
294	181	Essex Furn	182	...	...	2.6	29.1
326	217	Etam	234	+7	...	3.4	15.6
558	460	Fine Art Dev	460	...	14.3	3.9	14.2
68	40	Fired Earth	67	-1	...	...	...
155	136	Formminster	150	...	...	2.7	∞
278	124	French Conn	244	...	...	...	10.3
78	48	Gent SR	70 †	...	...	4.0	∞
127	85	Goldsmiths Gp	119	...	...	2.0	21.2
653	524	GUS	570 †	+7	...	2.9	16.8
195	164	Hamleys	164	...	...	3.6	15.6
31	21	Hampden Grp	23 †	...	...	5.4	66.2
70½	13½	Hanstone	15½	-½	...	2.6	...
91	64	Honeysuckle	69	...	...	4.5	10.1
227	178	Hse of Fraser	204 †	...	...	3.1	18.4
95	68½	Hughes (TJ)	90	-1	...	3.6	14.6
211	173	Jacques Vert	189	-1	...	3.0	16.7
778	477	Kingfisher	500 †	+7	...	3.7	13.1
88	61	Leslie Wise Gp	67	...	...	7.5	14.1
435	335	Liberty	340 †	...	...	1.9	...
580	277	Lloyds Chem	313	-2	...	3.9	9.8
184	136	MFI	142	-2	...	3.5	17.6
460½	380	Marks Spencer	424	+4½	...	2.7	19.7
680	507	Menzies (John)	510 †	-5	...	2.9	12.5
343	238	Moss Bros	338	...	...	2.6	16.5
275	214	Next	248½	+1½	...	3.5	15.0
96	39	Oliver (G)	96	+1½	...	...	29.7
335	255	Oriflame Intl	270	-5	...	4.8	12.2
31	12	Pentos	16½	...	...	...	...
268	168	QS Hldgs	168 †	-½	...	3.9	18.4
62	22	Rhino Grp	22	-1	...	3.6	20.9
209	140	Rosebys	140	...	...	4.2	16.4
180	92	Sherwood Gp	92	-½	...	4.1	9.1
132	99½	Sears	105½	+½	...	4.4	17.9
46	22	Signet Group	22	-½	...	...	7.9
549	427	Smith WH	453 †	+8	...	4.2	23.4
21	10	Specialeyes	10	...	...	...	...
252	189	Storehouse	208	+2	...	3.3	18.5
198	146	T & S Stores	162 †	-½	...	4.8	11.5
173	114	Tie Rack	121	+1	...	1.8	14.4
266	215	Time Products	237	...	...	4.5	15.7
132	105	Usher (Frank)	119 †	...	...	7.4	9.1
539	384	Vendome	537	+6	...	1.3	41.3
44	34	Vivat	41	...	...	3.8	10.6
70	33	WEW Group	35	...	...	2.1	25.8
108	42	Wensum	106 †	-1	...	3.4	15.4
129	89	Wickes	93 †	-½	...	1.7	20.9
93½	52	Wld of Leather	92 ↓	...	...	1.1	...
195	138	Wyevale	145 †	...	...	3.9	15.4

ELECTRICALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
157	99	ACT Group	105	...	...	6.2	9.8
296	248	Acal	284	...	...	3.0	17.5
650	478	Admiral	644	...	...	1.3	19.8
198	163	Alba	183 †	...	...	3.4	15.1
46	34	Alphameric	43	...	...	...	32.8
50	25½	Amstrad	28	...	...	2.2	...
110	73	App Holo	103	...	...	...	...
30	24	Arlen	34	...	...	...	...
94½	78	Astec	83 †	...	...	1.4	17.0
281	160	Azlan	160	-2	...	2.3	12.9
283	239	Beales Hunter	271	...	...	4.5	∞
478	344	BICC	356 †	...	...	6.8	22.4
535	411	Blick	418	...	...	3.1	16.8
1100	637½	Borland	875	...	...	...	...
380	289	Bowthorpe	306	+2	...	2.9	17.5
486	353½	BT	400½	+6	...	5.2	14.0
21½	14½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	19	...	...	1.6	11.1
79	55	Burnfield	65 †	...	...	3.6	27.9
543	381	Cable Wireless	414	-7	...	2.5	17.6
39½	24	Chloride	26½	...	...	...	73.4
293	263	CML Micro	269	...	...	2.8	17.2
205	105	Comptr People	195 ↓	...	...	1.6	44.4
202	154	Cray Elect	182½	...	...	1.5	∞
467	412	Critchley	433	...	...	2.3	19.4
586	459	Delta	464 †	-8	...	3.9	19.9
663	446	Denmans El	598	...	...	1.4	16.7
580	400	Domino	524	...	...	2.0	22.5
78	63	Dowding Mills	64 †	...	...	5.0	23.4
1635	1220	Druck	1460	...	...	0.9	27.2
590	443	Electrocompnts	477	+1	...	2.5	20.8
199½	135	El Data Prc	136	...	...	1.7	12.8
175	133	Electron House	155 †	...	...	2.6	16.0
38½	21	Emess	32½	...	...	0.4	...
451	343	Eurotherm	387	...	...	1.6	22.9
212	162½	FKI	172½	...	...	2.7	19.9
656	502	Farnell Elect	531	-1	...	1.9	21.6
346	286	First Tech	335	...	...	1.5	19.3
283	195	Forward Gp	195	...	...	3.2	11.7
58	14½	Forward Tech	46	-4	...	...	...
357½	269½	GEC	295	+2	...	4.6	14.8
191	119	Graseby	148 ↓	...	...	5.1	13.9
14½	10	Graystone	12½	+½	...	2.4	∞
193	126	Ind Control	128 †	...	...	4.9	∞
388	268	Jones Strond	348	...	...	3.2	16.6
145	99	Kalamazoo Cmp	121	...	...	3.3	14.0
396	335	Kenwood App	370	+1	...	3.0	17.8
298	221	Kewill Sys	257	...	...	2.4	11.2
165	38	Kode	67	...	...	7.5	...
35	19	Laser-Scan	20	...	...	...	...
143½	68	LBMS	103	...	...	...	...
171	107	Life Sciences	138 †	+1	...	3.7	13.7
321	266	Logica	299 †	-4	...	2.1	∞
54	45	LPA Ind	54	...	...	3.7	...
216	110	MR Data Mngt	120 †	...	...	5.8	∞
723	425	Macro 4	425 †	...	...	5.9	11.9
281	210	Memrier-Sw	265	...	...	2.0	20.6
1320	790	Micro Focus	805	-3	...	...	9.7
178	115	Microgen	115	-2	...	7.0	11.5
45	31	Microvitec	37½	...	...	...	...
548½	425	Mitys	426	...	...	2.4	∞
494	185	Mitel	210	-33	...	...	...
188	143	MMT Comp	175	...	...	3.0	17.9
330	250	MTL Inst	320 †	+5	...	1.2	19.3
148	109	Murray Ent	114 ↓	...	...	2.8	...
2746½	2394½	NYNEX	2434½	+15½	...	...	...
128	61	Neotronics	61	-1	...	5.3	13.2
60	48	Newmark (L)	48	...	...	...	...
438	279	Norbain	418 ↓	+3	...	0.7	20.0
100	47	Northamber	91	...	...	1.1	38.6
9½	4½	Oceonics	4½	...	...	...	...
31	24	Orbis	24	...	0.5	2.7	∞
358	277	Oxford Inst	313	...	...	2.0	18.4
84	60	P & P	71	+4	...	3.9	17.6
98	74½	Peek	80	...	...	5.4	19.9
235	165	Pegasus	166 †	-2	...	3.8	16.7
£115	9750	Philips Fn 4%	£100	...	...	5.8	...
2175	1400	Philips Lmp nv	2027½	+6½	...	0.9	9.2
440	230	Phonelink	230	...	...	...	...
399	293	Pilco	357	...	...	1.6	24.5
354	283	Pifco 'A' Vtg	335	-4	...	1.7	23.0
140	70	Plasmec	127 †	-1	...	3.7	...
129	100	Pressac	113	...	...	2.8	23.1
303	181	Psion	254 †	...	...	1.4	17.8
261	187	Racal Elect	243	-1	...	2.3	20.0
50	33	Radamec	40	...	...	4.9	13.2
48	27	Radius	41 †	...	...	1.1	...
169	73	Real Time	157	...	...	3.2	∞
311	229	Roxboro	232 †	...	...	2.4	17.0
615	507	Sage Gp	605	...	...	2.1	16.3
94	77½	Sanderson Elec	81	...	...	4.4	...
89	19	Scantronic	22	...	...	4.8	∞
256	162	Scholes Grp	253	...	...	0.8	∞
435	310	Sema Gp	435 †	+4	...	1.0	26.2
320	245	Servomex	267 †	+1	...	3.1	28.5
49	36	Silvermines	36	-1	...	2.8	21.4
94	63	Soundtracks	65	-1	...	4.6	14.7
3225	2265½	TDK	2912½	-40½	...	1.1	∞
19	11	TDS Circuits	11½	...	...	...	...
101	51	TGI	92	-2	...	2.7	17.1
170	80	Telemetrix	90	...	...	1.4	11.5
318	191	Telspec	316 †	-2	...	1.0	38.2
1165	963	Thorn EMI	1006	+12	...	4.2	20.5
230	133	Thorpe FW	216 †	...	...	1.8	∞
43	32	Total Systems	31	...	...	...	32.2
303	215	Tunstall	251	...	...	1.8	18.0
363	256	Unitech	348	...	...	2.4	27.2
16	8½	Verity	9	...	...	...	...
31	21½	Vistec	27½	...	...	2.1	12.8
220	157½	Vodafone	212	+3½	...	1.6	27.7
483	395	Volex	411	-3	...	5.5	18.0
200	60	Wakebourne	94	...	...	...	...
31	20	Western Selecon	25	...	0.2	1.2	...
335	258	Wholesale Ftgs	258 †	...	11.7	5.7	∞

ELECTRICITY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
787	537	East Midlands	713	+10	...	4.0	56.3
866	566	Eastern Grp	743	+11	...	3.9	16.3
477	308	Hydro-Elect	336	+6	...	4.7	10.6
753	534	London Elect	678	+7	...	4.1	10.4
871	675	Manweb	768	+7	...	4.0	9.2
840	547	Midlands Elec	727	+9	...	4.0	11.2
520	408½	National Powr	487	+3	...	3.2	12.1
858	589	Northern Elec	743	+4	...	4.2	9.3
421	329	Nthn Ireland	385	+10	...	3.7	10.5
850	587	Norweb	766	+12	...	3.8	10.1
602	449	PowerGen	563	+1	...	2.8	12.4
486	325	Scottish Power	354	+7	...	4.4	11.2
453	299	Seeboard	392	+7	...	3.7	10.4
840	591	Sth Wales	758	+4	...	4.2	10.3
824	551	Sth Western	726	+9	...	4.0	9.6
827	540	Southern Elec	724	+6	...	3.9	11.3
795	532	Yorkshire Elec	699	-10	...	4.2	13.6

FINANCE, LAND

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
57	51	Aitken Hume	51 #	...	...	2.5	...
169	79	BWD	98	-2	...	5.4	8.0
124	96	Baltic Plc	123 †	...	...	2.0	7.8
215	163	Blotec Inv	168	...	...	...	...
757	623	Caledonia	684	...	...	3.0	16.9
2650	1900	Camellia	2462½	...	...	1.6	6.6
363	310	Candover	320 †	...	...	4.3	...
212	179	Eaco	179	-15	...	5.9	9.7
468	353	Govett	366	+7	...	4.9	6.1
250	195	Ivory Sime	240	...	...	3.9	18.7
428	150	Johnson Fry	168	...	1.5	1.1	...
245	138	Lon Forfaiting	162 †	-1	...	7.2	10.1
57	44	Manakin	51	...	...	...	...
29½	9½	Nat Home Loan	16½	...	...	...	0.4
58	16	Newmarket	16 †	...	...	...	...
365	247	Rathbone Brs	263	-1	...	4.0	13.0
29	21½	Rutland Tst	28½	...	...	4.0	14.3
369	281½	S & U	331 †	-7	...	4.1	10.8
114	75	Singer & Fried	79 †	...	...	5.0	10.2
1260	788	Sothebys	805	-8	...	3.5	34.7
188	116	SJP Capital	130	-2	...	2.9	8.0
224	145	Towry Law	145 †	...	...	3.9	∞

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3037½	1628½	Amer Express	1912⅞	-18½	...	...	...
154	124	Brewin Dolphin	142	-1	...	5.1	10.5
229	157	Gartmore	170 †	-1	...	2.9	19.6
1208	645	Henderson Ad	910	-5	...	6.0	14.5
251½	151	Invesco	159 †	...	...	2.9	26.1
312	214½	Jardine Strat	242	-3½	...	3.2	10.4
323	218	MAI	242 †	-3	...	4.0	13.1
117½	88½	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	94½	-1	...	...	...
770	538	MAM	613	...	...	4.6	14.3
1243	794	M & G	953	...	...	3.7	20.1
496	324	Smith New Ct	350	+5	...	3.6	2.9
65	25	Trio Hldgs	31	...	...	6.0	14.1

FOODS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	499	AB Food	532 †	+9	...	3.5	10.4
68	50½	ASDA Group	64½	+½	...	3.4	14.8
368	265	Acatos & Hutch	283	-2	...	3.8	11.3
74	44	Albert Fisher	46	-1	...	10.2	10.2
315	222½	Argyll	265	+4	...	5.4	11.6
270	220	Banks (S C)	223	-1	...	5.5	8.5
373	305	Barr (AG)	372	...	...	2.3	24.0
72	42	Bensons Crsp	44	...	...	6.1	...
481	378	Booker	420 †	...	...	6.5	15.5
56½	48	Borthwick	51½	...	...	3.2	22.0
505	413	Brake Bros	422	...	...	2.1	15.3
43	24	Budgen	25	...	...	5.0	15.9
195	156	CPL Aromas	195	+2	...	1.9	18.6
545	407	Cadbury-Schw	444 †	+6	...	4.3	14.7
232	143	Carrs Milling	188	...	...	3.0	10.2
167	130	Cranswick	151	+1	...	6.8	12.6
17	11½	Cullens	15	...	...	...	...
154	90	Dalepak	117	...	...	1.6	∞
543	388	Dalgety	434 †	-4½	...	6.1	11.5
87	50	Daniels S	54	...	...	0.7	...
294	212	Devro	233 †	+1	...	3.4	15.7
101	55	Everest	56 †	+½	...	5.6	∞
394	344	Forepak	344	...	...	2.4	19.6
8½	5½	Farringford	5½	-½	...	...	...
95	68	Finlay (James)	77	...	...	6.9	10.2
108	87	Fyffes	105	...	...	1.7	18.0
371	199	Geest	198	-2	...	5.2	...
20½	14	Global	14	...	...	4.5	12.6
68	38	Grand Central	48	...	...	...	...
194	119	Hazlewood Fds	127	-1	...	6.6	7.7
196½	151	Hillsdown	177	...	...	6.3	12.4
28	16	Hobson	24½	-½	...	...	...
211	133	Iceland Group	155 †	...	...	3.2	9.6
111	93	JLI Group	97	...	...	6.2	13.7
656	523	Kwik Save	564	+8	...	4.1	9.9
376	138	Low (Wm)	364	...	...	2.9	12.1
127	85	Matthews (B)	116 †	...	...	2.9	13.9
18	7½	Merchant Retail	9½	...	...	2.6	...
149	99	Morrison (W)	134 †	+1	...	1.0	15.6
246	205	Nichols (JN)	241 †	...	...	3.0	15.5
271½	193	Nthn Foods	208	-1	...	5.3	10.1
14	9	Nrhmbrn Fn	12	...	...	...	...
232	177	Nurdin Peack	179 †	-2	...	4.6	9.9
146	89½	Park Foods	124	+4	...	2.4	25.1
81	62	Perkins Food	79 †	...	...	7.0	13.3
141	109	PizzaExpress	115 †	...	...	2.2	∞
5½	1½	Regina Hlth	1½	...	...	...	...
480	342	Sainsbury J	401	+4	...	3.3	14.2
96	73	Senry Farm	81	...	...	3.5	8.2
122	71	Sims Food	88	...	...	10.7	∞
467½	392	Tate & Lyle	431	+3	...	3.9	10.7
255	200½	Tesco	234 †	+½	...	4.3	11.7
198	162	Thorntons	179 †	+1½	...	3.4	∞
238	145	Treatt	209	+3	...	2.5	17.0
434½	323	Unigate	340	+6	...	6.4	9.6
388	301	Utd Biscuits	311 †	+2½	...	6.1	25.4
21	7½	Usborne	7½	...	...	5.5	5.5
422	279	Watson& Philip	375	...	...	4.9	15.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8

HOTELS, CATERERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
40	26	Abrdn Stk H	34	...	...	...	...
94	76	City Centre Rest	76	...	...	2.9	15.4
285	209½	Forte	236 †	+2	...	4.8	27.9
207	169	Friendly Hotels	193	+8	...	3.9	30.3
173½	142½	Jurys Hotel	170	-½	...	4.1	15.2
217½	151	Ladbroke	157 †	-1	...	2.8	27.7
109½	78½	Mandarin Orntl	79½	-2	...	3.9	21.4
31½	18½	Ryan Hotels IE	29	...	...	4.6	16.3
1135	790	Savoy Hotel 'A'	943	...	...	0.5	...
92	60½	Stakis	84½	+½	...	1.8	30.4

INDUSTRIALS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
66	34	AAF Inds	43	...	...	...	...
544	392	AAH	410	-8	...	5.5	14.6
185	119	ADM	150	-1	...	3.8	40.0
138	70½	APV	74 †	-4	...	7.4	...
220	157	ASW	192 †	+3	...	3.9	...
202	151	Adwest	160 †	...	...	5.9	16.3
21½	14	Aerospace Eng	18½	...	...	5.1	52.5
312	223	Airsprung	344	...	...	2.5	15.2
230	150	Alentra W	150	-3	...	4.9	15.7
11½	5½	Allied Radio	6	...	...	...	...
341	283	Alumasc	341 †	...	...	2.2	∞
73	27½	Alvis	34	...	...	3.7	23.6
780	705	Amber Ind	780	...	...	3.2	16.2
65½	43½	Amberley Gp	55	...	...	2.3	30.1
81	43	Anagen	61	+2	...	...	...
95	47	Andrews Sykes	68	...	...	...	...
380	199½	Antofagasta	365	...	...	1.2	39.4
62	48	Armour	51½	...	...	4.5	∞
175	158	Ash & Lacy	158 †	...	...	5.1	16.3
6	3½	Ass Br Eng	4½	...	...	1.5	55.6
639	474	Avon Rubber	539	-5	...	3.8	23.4
297½	248	Axiom Nurtg	268	...	...	1.0	14.5
553	490	Atlas Equip	533 †	-3	...	5.2	17.8
125	66	Ayrshire Metal	111	...	1.5	1.7	...
236	173	BBA	190 †	+1	...	3.0	...
193	115	BLP Group	163 †	...	...	0.8	44.7
51	24½	BM Gp	45	...	...	...	...
767	627	BOC	695	+5	...	4.2	29.3
86½	59½	BSG	61½	...	...	6.5	38.4
578	495	BSS Group	520	...	...	4.3	21.7
401	299	BTR	317 †	-3	...	4.9	16.7
176	138	BWI	145	+1	...	6.0	∞
40½	26½	Babcock	31	-½	...	...	...
11	6½	Bailey (CH)	6½	-½	...	...	...
270	216	Baird (Wm)	225	-1	...	5.0	18.9
568½	366½	Barlow	484½	...	...	0.7	...
81	64	Baynes (Charles)	77 †	+1	...	2.9	19.7
25½	17	Bearing Power	23½	+½	...	4.0	14.9
43	25	Beauford	32	...	...	...	...
35	28	Bedford (W)	32	...	...	...	...
18½	8½	Benson Group	10 †	...	...	4.1	∞
393	243	Bespak	280	+3	...	4.6	14.4
91	49	Bibby (J)	53	-2	...	4.7	...
226	124	Billam (J)	124 †	...	...	5.3	7.7
39	26	Bilston Bttrsea	37	...	...	...	...
6	3½	Bimec Ind	6½ #	...	...	...	...
283	243	Birkby	246	...	...	3.0	18.1
48	30	Black Arrow	38	...	...	8.6	9.2
290	233	Black (Peter)	262½	...	...	2.1	18.8
250	135½	Bluebird Toys	215 †	...	...	3.5	6.4
329	262	Bodycote	312	+4	...	2.2	21.1
40	28	Bogod 'A'	28	...	...	3.1	∞
75	43	Booth Inds	63	...	...	...	...
28½	17	Boustead	26	...	...	3.8	∞
524	409	Bowater	475 †	+2	...	3.4	17.8
1965½	1378½	Bowater Inc	1756½	-31½	...	...	...
297	248	Boxmore Ind	277	+5	...	1.8	17.7
20	15	Brasway	19½	-½	...	4.3	15.9
370	288	Brammer	339 †	...	...	4.8	18.6
31	16	Bridgend Gp	16	...	...	1.6	...
171	120	Bridon	159	...	...	3.2	...
97	74	Bridport-Gndry	96	...	...	2.9	...
57½	44½	Brierley Inv	47½	+1	...	8.7	∞
235	183	Br Bldg & Eng	183	-2	...	5.6	∞
124	70	Br Bloodstock	74	...	...	...	66.4
515	435	Br Polythene	447 †	+½	...	3.4	15.7
172½	121½	Br Steel	164	-2½	...	1.5	60.7
176	47	Br Thornton	47	-1	...	16.0	4.1
309	219	Br Vita	232 †	+2	...	4.0	17.3
160½	133	Britton Grp	133 ↓	-1	...	2.3	19.6
988	773½	Broken Hill	914	-6	...	2.2	38.3
125	86½	Bromsgrve Ind	91	...	...	6.2	11.5
18½	9½	Brooke Tool	12½	...	...	...	...
71	46	Brown & Tawse	48	...	...	...	...
196	135	Bullough	147	...	...	5.1	24.2
16	7	Business Tech	8	...	...	...	...
22	14	CI Group	15	...	...	2.5	...
54	31	Campbll & Arm	41	...	...	...	...
39	11½	Cannon St	16½	...	...	...	6.3
488	398	Cantab Pharms	396	...	...	...	...
278	237	Cape	238	...	...	5.8	19.1
455	254	Caradon	275 †	+4	...	4.0	18.2
215½	128½	Caradon pf	133½	-4	7.2	6.8	...
293	248	Carclo Eng	250	...	...	4.5	16.5
10	6	Care UK	7	...	...	...	...
2446½	1900½	Carnaud Md	2150	-37½	...	2.2	16.5
104	80	Cassidy Bros	95	...	...	4.0	10.9
155	110	Castings	140	...	...	2.3	17.2
66	32	Cathay Intl	32	...	...	...	...
233	191	Celltech	207	...	...	...	...
230	155	Chambrltn Hill	160	...	...	5.1	10.1
836	636½	Charter	768	...	...	3.7	21.8
360	272	Chemring	295	...	...	3.9	15.6
62	46	Chieftain Gp	56	...	...	7.8	11.2
246	152	Christies Int	170 †	-1	...	1.5	30.0
80	60	Clayhithe	74	...	...	6.4	∞
688	403	Cohen (A)	540	...	3.4	0.8	...
297	232	Community H	218 †	...	...	4.0	∞
263	187	Concentric	187	...	...	4.0	15.5
310	240	Cook (Wm)	272	...	...	3.4	13.1
286	227	Cookson	244 †	-2	...	3.3	22.1
117	81	Copymore	115	...	...	4.5	16.3
167	112	Crtwll Pkr 'A'	112 †	...	...	6.4	25.1
157	109	Cosalt	135	...	...	5.9	...
285	190	Creighton Nt	192	...	...	5.0	∞
41	30	Cresscare	34 †	...	...	2.8	...
2062½	18½	Dana	1650	-37½	...	...	...
388	269	Danka Bs Sys	314	+4	...	0.6	26.9
296	198	David Brown	217	+4	...	3.3	15.1
1021	825	De La Rue	976	-1	...	2.6	23.9
162	133	Denby Group	156	...	...	2.5	15.2
52	32	Dinkie Heel	34	+1	...	5.2	9.8
628	445½	Diploma	499	+1	...	3.4	18.4
97	70	Dobson Park	90	...	...	5.9	15.3
134	98	Dyson (J&J)	98	-5	...	4.5	∞
97	78	Dyson 'A'	78	-2	...	5.6	∞
16	12	EFG	15½	...	0.1	0.8	10.1
442	364	EIS	390	...	...	4.0	15.5
25	15	Elbief	15	...	...	...	...
53	25	Elecon	28	+3	...	...	...
3756½	2300	Electrolux 'B'	3234½	+6½	...	1.7	54.7
91	69	Elliott (B)	87	...	...	1.4	13.3
447½	321	Eng China Cl	367 †	-3	...	5.5	12.7
146	96	Environmed	123	...	...	0.2	...
3662½	2737½	Ericsson 'B'	3628½	+9½	...	1.1	31.2
86	56	Eurocopy	64	...	...	3.5	18.9
118	60	Expamet	103 †	...	...	3.2	73.0
402	334½	Fairey Group	390 †	-1	...	2.0	20.6
148	109	Fenner	135	...	...	0.4	...
110	82	Ferraris Group	88	...	...	3.0	13.0
45	34	Ferrum	34	...	...	...	...
78	50	Fife Indmar	60	...	...	5.7	8.8
157	102	Fisons	115	-3	...	3.0	...
60	37	Fitzwilton	42	...	...	11.0	...
303	263	Flogas	300	...	...	2.8	12.4
51	38	Folkes Group nv	44 †	...	1.5	4.3	...
126	94	French (Thomas)	95	...	...	4.8	18.8
264	205	Frost Group	231 †	+6	...	2.9	23.3
88	77	GEI Int	82	...	...	2.3	23.0
660	510½	GKN	610 †	+4	...	4.2	35.7
70	49	GR Hldgs	55	...	...	4.1	...
134	91	Garton Eng	127 †	...	...	4.6	34.4
191	117	Gestetner	117	-2	...	2.6	...
66	49	Gleves	60	...	...	2.1	38.5
725	520	Glaxo	615 †	-3	...	5.5	15.1
46	26	Glenchewton	31	...	...	...	...
404	321	Glynwed	337	-1	...	4.4	19.5
209	125	Goode Durrant	192	...	...	3.9	15.1
185	107½	Grampian Hdg	107½	-1	...	6.5	19.6
548	475	Granada	518	-2	...	2.2	20.4
85	71	Green (Ernst)	80 †	...	...	9.4	∞
15½	10½	Greenacre	10½	...	...	4.0	14.3
85	61	Haden MacLn	68 †	...	...	3.7	17.6
122	90	Hadleigh	119	...	...	2.1	13.9
76	59	Halkin Hldgs	66	+3	...	...	51.5
320	143	Hall Eng	147 †	...	...	6.8	11.5
256	204	Halma	222	+2	...	1.3	26.1
73	47	Hampson Ind	66	...	...	1.8	12.6
302	234	Hanson	236	...	...	6.4	21.1
161	122	Harris (Philip)	143	...	...	6.0	17.7
220	152	Harrisn Crsfld	168 †	-2	...	6.7	19.1
180	121	Havelock Euro	170	+2	...	1.5	20.2
48	28	Hay (Norman)	28	...	...	...	...
90	33	Headway	34 †	-1	...	2.6	26.4
511	284	Hepworth	301 †	...	...	6.1	17.2
205	130	Hewitt (J)	130	...	...	3.1	...
75	52	High-Point	53	...	0.5	1.2	...
184½	137	Hill & Smith	140	...	...	5.2	15.2
191	88	Holders Tech	95	...	...	7.9	10.3
63	34	Hopkinsons	52 †	...	...	3.1	...
216	176	Hornby	180	...	...	6.2	15.7
103	78	Howden	86	...	...	1.5	13.8
292	254	Hozelock	248	...	...	3.0	17.6
265	162	Hunting	162	-1	...	7.7	32.1
513	402	Huntigh Tec	420 †	...	...	1.6	19.6
379	286	IMI	311 †	...	...	4.1	26.4
138	110	ISA Intl	118 †	-1½	...	1.8	14.7
165	39	Intercare Gp	39	...	...	11.2	4.2
325	284	Isoron	284 †	-1	...	2.1	∞
710	409½	Jardine Math	513½	-15	...	3.8	12.0
623	488	Johnson Matth	556	...	...	2.6	22.1
51	37	Johnson & FB	39½	...	...	1.1	...
294	149	Johnston	285	...	...	2.0	33.8
32	25	Jones Shipman	30	...	...	...	...
36	27½	Jourdan (T)	31	...	...	4.1	30.3
191½	148	Kalon	148½	+½	...	3.7	14.1
315	250	Kelsey Ind	315	...	...	3.2	...
875	730	Kershaw (A)	875	...	...	3.9	40.3
276	163	Kleeneze	168	...	...	0.7	37.3
444	341	Laird	343 †	-½	...	4.0	16.1
170	145	Lillieshall	158 †	...	...	3.7	16.6
229	205	Lincat	223 †	...	...	3.9	∞
408	313	Linton Park	398 †	-1	...	5.5	11.4
14	4½	Lionheart	6	...	...	6.2	13.6
20½	15	Locker (T) A	16½	...	...	1.5	∞
152½	71	Lon Intl	86	+1	...	...	...
179½	124½	Lonrho	135	+2	...	3.7	37.1
438	364	Low & Bonar	411	...	...	3.1	16.4
49	39	ML Hldgs	39	...	...	2.7	13.5
67	49	MS Intl	49	...	...	6.4	29.6
70	45	MY Holdings	54	...	...	3.8	∞
271	223	Macfarlane	268	+2	...	1.9	21.6
539	418	McKechnie	427	+4	...	4.3	30.5
127	100	McLeod Russel	113	...	...	6.7	17.6
104	70	Magnolia	72	...	...	0.2	...
179	129	Mang Bronze	147 †	+½	...	3.4	∞
39½	18½	Marling	25½	...	...	3.2	45.7
231	166	Mayborn	186 †	...	...	4.0	12.4
64	53	Mayflower	57 †	...	...	3.1	21.2
197	120	Medeva	173 †	+6	...	2.1	13.9
128	71½	Meggitt	72½	+½	...	6.8	11.7
120	101	Metair	107 †	...	...	4.4	17.8
128	99	Metrotect	102	...	...	4.2	13.8
133	99	Metsec	132 †	...	...	2.8	18.4
124	69	Midstates	69	...	...	...	4.6
6	3½	Middlesex Hlds	5½	...	...	...	...
589	540	Molins	542 †	+2	...	3.6	10.9
408	317	Morgan Cble	317 †	+1	...	5.0	15.4
217	176	Morris Ashby	210	...	...	3.6	∞
51	34	Neepsend	36	...	...	4.3	16.8
80	42	Nestor-BNA	47 †	+2	...	8.4	11.6
274	214	Nobo Gp	225 ↓	...	...	3.3	14.5
212½	119	Norcros	127	-4	...	6.9	22.8
35	27	Novo Group	25	...	...	0.9	∞
64	48	OMI Intl	50	...	...	4.4	...
175	153	PCT	155 †	...	...	6.0	∞
91	66	Pacer Systems	71 †	+9½	...	6.2	25.7
46	31	Pascoe's	40	...	...	...	...
123	84	Pentland	101 †	+½	...	3.6	20.0
310	207	Photo-Me	242 †	+2	...	2.5	∞
218	162	Pilkington	189	+1	...	2.6	...
55	38	Plant & Gen	53	+1	...	4.2	∞
185	82	Plantsbrook	173	...	...	2.5	20.4
155	126	Polypipe	134 †	+1	...	2.1	∞
44	15	Porter Chadbrn	40	...	...	...	...
341	218	Powerscreen	297	...	...	3.1	13.3
23½	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	...	6.0	9.2
77	56	RPS Group	66 †	...	...	4.8	12.3
106	60	Radiant Metal	80	...	...	...	...
437½	355½	Rank Org	408	-2	...	3.9	26.2
71	13	Ransomes	60	...	...	...	...
714½	528	Reckitt Colm	579 †	+13	...	3.9	14.6
95	70	Record	85 †	-½	...	5.3	19.1
5½	3½	Reece	4	...	...	...	...
291	211	Relyon	257	...	...	2.6	46.9
309	268	Renishaw	309 †	+6	...	2.8	∞
195	125	Renold	178	...	...	1.8	24.7
539½	424	Reuters	468	-2	...	1.8	23.4
90	72	Rexmore	76	...	...	4.1	7.7
194	138	Ricardo Group	145 †	...	...	5.2	17.6
73	53	Richard (Leics)	53	...	...	5.4	37.2
104½	82½	Richardson West	83	...	...	4.9	14.2
164	118½	Rugner	126 †	...	...	6.9	15.4
24	9	Ross Gp	8½	-2	...	2.9	...
195	157	Rotork	169 †	+1	...	3.3	17.2
190	137	Rubicon	137 †	...	...	4.2	15.5
103	82	Russell (A)	91 †	-1	...	3.1	18.7
42	34½	SEP Indl	34½	...	...	3.3	16.2
1459½	1071½	SKF 'B'	1128½	+3½	...	...	...
272	166	Scapa	212½	-½	...	3.5	18.1
210	145	Scholl	154 †	...	...	5.2	14.8
295	242	Scotia	272	...	...	...	...
1543	1146	Securicor	1448	+5	...	0.3	35.9
1069	785	Securicor 'A'	949	+2	...	0.4	23.5
875	606	Security Serv	764	+2	...	1.0	24.2
150½	72	Senior Eng	79 †	+6½	...	5.4	12.9
356	291	Seton Health	348	...	...	2.3	17.7
180	138	Shiloh	156	...	...	2.8	10.2
359	221	Sidlaw	225	...	...	6.0	11.0
630	500	Siebe	546	+2	...	2.5	17.6
378	194	Silentnight	228	...	...	4.4	14.1
196	137	Simac Darby	169	-2	...	3.2	17.0
130½	75	Simon Eng	102½	...	...	...	...
244	183	Sinclair (Wm)	183 †	+½	...	4.9	∞
82	35	Six Hundred	82	...	...	3.3	...
159½	136½	Smith & Neph	147½	+1	...	4.3	16.3
469½	357½	Smithkline	435 †	+1	...	3.1	16.9
421	322	Smithkline Uts	391 †	-1	...	3.5	15.2
527½	411	Smiths Ind	440	-2	...	3.5	17.6
104	41	Sthn Bus	50	...	...	9.3	7.8
280	155½	Spandex	258	...	...	1.2	20.7
443	337	Spirax-Sarco	436 †	+1	...	2.8	18.5
81½	42½	Spring Ram	42½	...	...	1.5	...
267	197	Staveley	207	...	...	5.1	60.5
267	197	Sterling Ind	239	...	...	3.3	21.5
220	165	Suter	168 ↓	+1	...	6.9	16.2
604	440½	Swire Pacfc 'A'	454	-13	...	2.0	∞
178	149	Sytrone	158	...	...	3.9	17.5
455	343	TI	369	...	...	3.9	20.4
44	31	TLS Range	36	...	...	3.5	14.5
402	330	TT Group	347 †	...	...	2.4	∞
292	192	Takare	229	-2	2.0	1.1	20.0
852½	656	Takeda Chem	766½	-3½	...	0.8	14.3
121	92	Tinsley (E)	119	...	...	5.9	19.4
220	178	Titon	178	-7	...	3.0	15.1
283	204	Tomkins	220	+½	...	4.2	14.1
124	74½	Trafalgar H	86	-3	...	1.5	...
105	45	Transfer Tech	52	+4	...	8.1	7.3
163	130	Triplex Lloyd	135	...	...	6.5	∞
313	256	UniChem	273 ↓	...	...	3.1	15.6
440	285	Unidare	305	...	...	3.5	16.6
54	33	Unigroup	37	...	...	...	...
1267	958	Unilever	1157	+15	25.0	2.7	16.7
8118½	6496½	Unilever (NV)	7384½	+9½	...	2.9	14.8
18½	12	Utd Inds	15½	...	...	0.8	...
1328	980	VSEL	1323	-2	...	3.4	12.6
31½	12	Verson	14½	...	...	...	...
204	166	Vickers	169 †	-1	...	2.6	17.9
327	242	Victaulic	242	...	...	4.2	13.3
19	9½	Villiers Grp	11	...	...	...	...
522	481	Vinten	504	...	...	2.0	13.1
805	661	Vosper Thorny	708	...	...	3.2	15.3
65	37	WSP Hldgs	56 †	...	...	4.2	32.8
527	451	Wagon Ind	464	...	...	4.8	23.6
114	97	Walker Greenbk	105	...	...	4.1	18.5
324	246½	Wassall	288 †	-1	...	1.6	24.7
63	44	Watford Wdgwd	61	...	...	...	47.5
359½	246½	Weir	278 ↓	+1	...	3.0	16.6
731	498	Wellcome	680	+1	...	3.2	15.4
220	193	Wellington Hdg	193 †	...	...	3.3	18.6
39½	37½	Wellman	38	...	...	3.0	62.0
400	294	West Hldhcare	358	+8	...	1.6	∞
548	395	Whatman	395 †	...	...	3.3	14.5
264	97	Whessoe	112	+7	...	9.2	8.6
152	93	Whitecroft	152	...	...	1.6	24.0
13½	9½	Widney	10½	...	...	...	...
414½	322	Williams Hldg	344	+7	...	4.8	21.2
57	39½	Wilshaw	57	...	...	1.3	23.4
975	705	Wolseley	773	+5	...	2.3	18.8
155	155	Wood (Arthur)	155	...	...	2.4	31.2
69	40	Wyko	69 †	...	...	0.9	∞
96	70	Young (H)	74	...	...	5.6	79.1

INSURANCE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1493½	937½	Alex & Alex	1243½	...	...	5.4	...
2043½	1675	Am Gen	1681½	+6½	...	4.3	...
86	47	Archer	52	+1	...	2.4	...
165	85	Bradstock	96	+1	...	7.2	11.0
550	370	Britannic	399	-4	...	4.1	...
117	89	CLM Insce	90	...	1.4	2.0	...
701½	481	Com Union	546 ↓	+3	...	5.8	20.6
1950	1663	Dom & Gen	1670 †	...	...	2.1	17.9
64	33	FAI	36	-1	...	1.3	...
194	142	Fenchurch Grp	148	...	...	6.1	13.2
757	529	Gen Accident	573 †	+3	...	6.1	9.2
247	161	GRE	196	-1	...	5.0	21.6
457	238	Heath C E	256	...	...	7.8	...
323	239	Independent	251 †	+1	...	4.4	6.8
203	126	JIB Group	135 †	...	...	6.0	12.4
547	407	Legal & Gen	447 †	-4	...	5.7	17.8
1400	965½	Liberty Life	1384½	+3½	...	7.4	5.4
119	91	LIMIT	94	...	...	1.3	∞
471	322	Lloyds Abbey	335	-3	...	6.9	10.1
310	157	Lloyd Thomp	175 †	-5	...	5.6	11.5
185	159	Lombard Ins	176	...	...	5.5	16.8
443	313	Londn & Man	333 †	-3	...	6.1	16.6
236	170	Lowndes Lmb	170	...	...	5.5	10.7
5893½	4606½	Marsh McLn	4606½	-93½	...	3.9	...
188	147	Nelson Hurst	174 †	...	...	4.0	17.4
129½	109	Orion	115	...	...	5.5	∞
83	34	PWS	35½	...	...	10.6	...
385	271	Prudential	309 †	+2	...	5.5	13.3
404	261	Refuge	280 †	...	...	5.2	20.6
350	232½	Royal	291 †	+1	...	3.9	7.3
222	139	Sedgwick	159 †	+3	...	4.7	18.0
155	104	Steel Burrill	114 †	...	...	9.9	...
87	54	Sturge Hldgs	79	...	...	4.8	...
418	285	Sun Alliance	340 †	+4	...	5.5	9.5
96	51	Trade Indemnty	63 †	...	...	1.8	14.0
464	332	Transatlantic	335 †	...	...	4.5	30.3
673	460	Utd Friendly	505 †	...	...	4.2	25.9
245	133	Willis Corroon	161	-1	...	5.1	15.6
28	20	Windsor	23	...	...	...	18.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
336	280	3i	320	...	...	2.6	...
3058	1703	Alliance	1795	+7	...	3.3	...
479	401	Anglo & O'seas	421	-1	...	2.1	...
161	117	BZW Conv	120 †	+1	...	7.5	∞
219	173	Bankers	185 †	+1	...	2.6	...
381	311	Baring Tribne	328	+5	...	2.5	...
248	198	Berry Starq	220	...	2.2	1.2	∞
120½	91½	Br Assets	95½	...	...	5.7	...
98	89	Br Empire Sec	93	-½	...	1.2	...
46	31	Br Empire Wts	38	...	...	...	...
234	188	Br Inv	207	+2	...	2.9	...
272	221	Brunner	240	+1	...	2.8	...
223	194	Contl Asset	197	...	...	1.9	...
173	147	Derby Inc	159	...	...	12.4	...
328	268	Derby Cap	298	...	...	...	...
100	73	Drayton Blue	78	...	...	13.5	...
111	84	Drytn Eng Intl	90	...	...	7.1	...
156	128	Drytn Far East	143	-½	...	0.6	...
784	613	Dunedin Inc G	650	...	...	5.0	...
108	85	Dunedin Japan	90	...	...	...	...
80	44½	Dunedin Wts	46	...	...	...	...
341	292	Dunedin Smlr	315	...	...	1.6	...
822	725	Dunedin Wwde	777	+2	...	1.5	...
360	281	Edinburgh	308	...	...	3.6	...
354	286	Electra Inv	323	+1	...	2.7	...
220	185	Electric Gen	199	+½	...	2.0	...
127	106	English Scot	116	...	...	...	...
345	286	European Asset	296	...	...	2.0	...
174	145	Fidlty Euro Val	155	...	...	0.2	...
103½	87	Fidlty Jap Val	87½	...	...	...	...
172	146	Finsbury 'A'	155	...	3.0	2.4	...
343	226½	Fleming Amer	300	...	...	0.4	...
145	75	Fleming Chinese	83½	...	...	...	...
92	37½	Fleming Wts	43	...	...	...	...
267	196	Fleming Claver	210 †	+1	...	3.3	...
395	302½	Fleming Contl	315	+2	...	0.9	...
264	190	Fleming Entp	207	+2	...	2.9	...
459	327	Fleming F East	361½	-2½	1.5	0.5	...
422	354	Fleming Fledg	358	...	...	1.0	...
120	89	Fleming Hi Inc	95	-1	...	5.8	...
284	223	Fleming Japan	263	-1	...	0.2	...
347	269½	Fleming Merc	285 †	-1	...	2.9	...
347½	280½	Fleming Oseas	296 †	...	...	1.8	...
155½	126½	Foreign & Col	139½	+1½	...	1.6	...
148	106½	Frgn Emg Mkts	132½	...	0.2	0.3	...
77	64½	Frgn Enterprise	72	...	...	1.0	...
261	216	Frgn Eurotst	232	+1	...	0.7	...
145	116	Frgn German	125	...	...	0.5	...
374	307	Frgn Pacific	327 †	+1	...	1.0	...
192	159½	Frgn Smaller	167½	+1	...	1.5	...
303	245	GT Japan	253 †	-2	...	0.6	...
200	150	Genl Cons Cap	160	+1	...	...	...
115½	105	Genl Inc	108	...	...	10.1	...
191	130	Govett Am Smlr	145	...	...	...	...
151	101	Gov Emg Mkts	130	...	...	0.2	...
96½	80	Gov Glob Smlr	87	...	...	...	...
112	78	Govett High Inc	81 †	...	...	7.0	...
439	349	Govett Oriental	407	+1	...	0.3	...
346	238	Govett Strategic	242	-3	...	3.5	...
475	410	Greenfriar	420	...	...	2.0	...
19	19	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
105	86	Herald	92	+1	...	...	...
99	90	Int Biotech	90	...	...	...	...
30	30	Int Wts	38	...	...	...	...
158	122	Inv Cap	132	+½	...	4.9	...
119	94	Ins Uk Smlr	105	...	...	3.5	...
177	126	INVESCO Korea	162	...	...	...	...
243	195	Kleinwort Cht	202	...	...	3.2	...
88½	75½	Klnwrt Euro Prvt	79½	...	...	...	...
47	23	Klnwrt Euro Wts	28½	...	...	...	...
272½	230½	Klnwt O'seas	239	+½	...	1.8	...
165	131	Klnwrt Smlr	131 †	...	...	3.0	...
826	672	Lnw Debenture	720	-1	...	3.4	...
227	190	Majedie	198	...	...	3.2	...
334	237	Merchants	271 †	+1	...	5.2	...
90	79½	Mercury Euro Pv	55½	+½	...	...	...
45	28½	Mercury Wts	32½	...	...	...	...
125	98	Merc Wld Mg	111	...	...	...	...
52½	35	Mercury Wld Wts	41	...	...	...	...
2987½	2087½	Merrill Lynch	2177½	-25	...	...	...
595	492	Monks Inv Tst	520	+2	...	1.8	...
158	127	Morg Gren Inc	133	...	...	4.2	...
64	43	Morg Wts	52	+½	...	...	...
111	87	Morg Latn Amer	106	+1	...	...	...
65	39	Morg Wts	59½	...	...	...	...
148	109	Murray Ent	114 ↓	...	...	2.2	...
58	34	Murray Wts	36	...	...	...	...
68	54	Murray Euro	59	...	...	0.6	...
23½	16	Murray Wts	17	...	...	...	...
393	317	Murray Incme	328 †	...	...	4.3	...
395	319	Murray Intl	374 †	...	...	4.7	...
548	424	Murray Small	490	+2	...	1.1	...
97	82	Murray S/C Inc	87	...	...	15.2	...
174	135	Murray S/C Cap	150	+1	...	...	...
3400	2850	Murray S/C Uts	2850	...	...	4.6	...
162	153	Murray S/C DP	158	+½	...	...	...
363	302½	Murray Vent	309 †	...	...	4.7	∞
95	61	Nvebrng Inc	62 †	...	...	9.6	...
404	333	O'seas Inv Tst	354	...	...	1.1	...
241	179	O'seas Wts	206	-1	...	...	...
640½	439	Pacific Assets	521	+6	...	0.3	...
542	395	Pacific Wts	420	+6	...	...	...
9400	7900	Personal Assets	8650 †	+50	195	2.8	...
189	164½	RIT Cap Ptnr	178	...	...	1.1	...
127	112½	River & Merc	114	...	...	10.1	...
449	412	Robeco	412	...	...	3.1	...
463	415	Rolinco	422	...	...	1.8	...
343	290	St Andrew Inv	307	...	...	3.2	...
183	150½	Scot American	159	-½	...	3.8	...
368	238	Scot Asian	296	...	...	...	...
1070	663	Scot Wts	833	...	...	...	...
97½	77	Scot Eastern	81½	...	...	2.4	...
262½	208	Scottish	219	-½	...	2.8	∞
264½	205	Scottish Mtge	228	+½	...	2.2	...
133½	108	Scottish Value	108	...	...	2.5	...
1785	1515	Second Allnce	1580 †	+4	...	3.3	∞
108	77½	Secs Tst of Scot	82½	...	...	4.9	...
179	148	Selective Asset	157	+1	...	1.2	...
51½	40½	Sphere Inv	49½	...	...	10.5	...
205	149	TR Far East	163	...	...	4.0	...
177½	133½	TR City Of Lon	148	+½	...	4.5	...
124½	86	TR Pacific	119	...	...	0.2	...
49½	32	TR Property	34½	...	...	3.3	...
152	108	TR Tech Inv	111	+1	...	2.0	...
228	182	TR Smlr Cos	193	...	...	2.5	...
412	310	Temple Bar	339	+2	...	5.0	...
135	102	Thrgm Asian E	109	...	...	0.6	...
101	72½	Throgmorton	76½	...	...	3.8	...
598	468	Throg Dual Cp	513	+5	...	...	...
269	233	USDC Invest	241 †	...	...	2.3	...
120	108½	Value Inc Tst	112	...	...	4.8	...
257½	205	Witan	232	+1	...	3.1	...

LEISURE

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
578½	417	Airtours	465	+3	...	2.5	15.8
46½	19	Ald Leis	19	...	...	...	...
177	144	Alpha Airpts	150 †	+3	...	3.6	...
131	85	Baldwin	113 †	...	...	3.9	19.4
333	267	Barr & W 'A'	309 †	+15	...	4.0	12.9
365	231	Boosey Hwks	344 †	...	...	1.9	20.4
205	133	Border TV	190	+1	...	2.6	15.9
7½	3	Brent Walker	3½	+½	...	...	...
200	100	Bristol Scots	200	+12	...	1.9	...
7½	2½	Buckingham Int	2½	...	...	...	...
74	36	Campari	36	-1	...	...	...
439	328	Capital Radio	351	-1	...	2.2	30.9
1047	797	Carlton Comm	841	-6	...	2.9	18.6
247	114	Chrysalis	232½	-1½	3.2	1.7	...
374	305	Compass Gp	324	...	...	2.6	19.1
290	232	Eurocamp	269	...	9.9	4.6	11.1
213	89	Euro Disney	91	...	...	...	...
4	2½	Euro Leisure	2½	-½	...	...	...
455	308	Fairline Boats	429	...	...	3.5	28.9
131	81	First Choice	116	+1	...	3.8	...
350	262	First Leisure	354 †	...	...	3.1	17.5
478	309	Flextech	472	-2	...	...	...
1033	875	GWR Gp	903	...	...	1.5	32.7
356	228	Grampian	336	...	...	2.8	18.0
172	106	HTV Group	147 †	...	...	1.5	32.9
96	34	Hi-Tec Sports	34 †	...	...	10.2	5.0
18½	11½	Kunick	14	-½	...	...	...
263	200	London Clubs	249	...	...	6.0	12.7
702	539	Man Utd	653 †	...	...	4.0	∞
15	13½	My Kinda Town	13½	...	...	...	...
67	34	Northern	67	...	...	5.8	10.8
102	65½	The Pelican Gp	97	...	...	1.4	∞
183	126	Prism Leisure	126	...	...	4.1	8.9
43	28	Quadrant Grp	30	...	...	...	...
278	205	Ramadens (H)	263	...	...	2.1	39.6
628	395	Scot Radio	593	...	...	2.2	23.2
574	355	Scot TV	448 †	+3½	...	3.5	29.8
40½	21½	SelecTV	25	...	...	...	...
350	296½	Stanley Leisure	327	...	...	2.0	18.4
153	125	Sunset & Vine	130	...	3.5	3.4	19.9
345½	280	Tanjong	280	...	...	0.7	15.7
167	75	Tottenhm Hot	136 †	...	...	0.9	36.5
760	518	Ulster TV	708 †	...	...	2.9	21.8
150	129	VCI	150	...	...	1.8	13.4
149	112	Vardon	124 †	+1	...	1.2	22.0
392	150	Yorkshire TV	383	+2	...	...	...
149	110	Zetters Gp	137	...	...	7.8	∞

MINING

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
3762½	2509½	Ang Am	3640½	+12½	...	1.9	34.8
3550	1762½	Ang Am Coal	3469½	...	...	2.6	18.8
7206½	4593½	Ang Am Gold	6659½	-15½	...	3.5	20.7
36	25	Anglo Pac Res	25½	...	...	...	...
1512½	1196½	Ashanti	1353½	-12½	...	...	...
404	275	Bakyrchik	289	...	...	...	...
184	90½	Blyvoors	161½	...	...	...	...
37	12½	Bracken	15½	-½	...	5.6	...
898	580½	Buffels	793½	-7½	...	6.7	∞
6	2½	Bume	2½	...	...	...	...
968	745½	CRA	822	-6	...	2.4	28.2
55½	36	Cluff Res	44½	...	...	...	...
143	28½	Coal Inv	111	...	...	...	...
1750	1318½	De Beers	1550	+12½	...	3.3	18.6
148	88	Deelkraal	113½	-1	...	1.7	10.1
101½	30½	Doornfontein	59½	-2½	...	...	...
1028½	665½	Driefontein	972½	+2½	...	4.3	14.4
928	549½	Durban	879½	-8½	...	...	...
203½	107	E Rand Gold	168	-1½	...	10.4	6.4
122½	59½	E Rand Prop	89½	-½	...	...	...
510	300½	Elandsrand	501½	-4½	...	3.1	11.8
1230	741½	FS Cons	1077	+13½	...	6.4	11.2
82	27	FS Dev	82	...	...	1.5	...
1975	1193½	GFSA	1931½	-12½	...	1.9	29.1
219½	108½	Gencor	214½	+1½	...	1.2	27.2
80½	57½	GM Kalgoorli	56	-1	...	2.5	21.5
22	14	Greenwich R 'A'	20½	...	...	...	...
202	105½	Grootvlei	177½	-1½	...	5.3	9.5
680½	319½	Harmony	627	-5½	...	...	...
430	268½	Harties	364	+2½	...	7.7	10.8
1512½	831½	Impala Plat	1462½	+3½	...	1.7	45.8
1315½	890½	Kinross	1118½	+25	...	4.2	15.8
1087½	568½	Kloof	1046	-2	...	3.0	11.0
137	89½	Leslie	121½	-1½	...	8.7	7.2
368½	176½	Loraine	323½	-3	...	...	...
1137½	887½	Lydenburg	1137½	...	...	2.0	...
162	118	MIM	125	-2	...	1.8	...
1762½	1606½	Minorco	1625 †	...	...	2.2	∞
204½	146½	Nth Brkn Hill	167	-2	...	3.0	25.5
905	780	RTZ	891 †	+6	...	2.9	25.4
500	187½	Rand Mines	462½	...	...	2.3	17.5
840½	547½	Randfontein	754½	-7	...	6.8	9.6
295	207	Renison	235	...	...	...	...
1809½	1078½	Rustnbrg	1718½	...	...	1.7	∞
756	539½	St Helena	707½	+1½	...	6.1	∞
2887½	1484½	Southvaal	1953½	-18½	...	4.4	22.9
143	73	Stilfontein	118½	-1	...	17.8	4.0
261½	90	Unisel	194½	-1½	...	3.0	15.1
7600	4943½	Vaal Reefs	6567½	+50	...	3.8	10.9
1130½	508½	Western Areas	1119½	-2½	...	6.3	10.6
3406½	2050	Western Deep	3406½	+15½	...	3.0	12.0
398	300½	Wstrn Mining	368	-3	...	1.0	∞
1225	603½	Winkels	878½	-9½	...	5.3	12.5
66	50	Zambia Copper	58	...	...	...	...
68	48	Zandpan	65	...	...	7.8	13.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
283	233	Abbey Panels	283	...	...	...	...
141	108	Airflow Stream	141	+7	3.0	2.7	21.2
175	117	Appleyard	119 †	...	...	6.1	21.0
405	268	Bletchley Mtr	270 †	...	...	4.8	11.1
306	180	Bostrom	290 †	-1½	...	2.6	16.5
584	390	Br Aerospace	498 †	+28	...	2.3	43.7
57	36	Burndene	38	...	...	6.6	11.1
465	280	Caffyns	295	...	...	4.9	19.9
22	13½	Coverdale	14	-½	...	1.3	14.2
130	98	Central Mtr	98	...	...	4.5	24.2
51	32½	Cook (DC)	40	...	...	3.1	∞
348	208	Cowie	215	-2	...	4.8	10.5
192½	127	Dag Motors	140 †	...	...	5.8	16.1
158	113	Davnprt Vern	156	...	...	2.6	15.5
332	275	ERF	325	-2	...	0.8	...
234	202	Eurodollar	216	...	...	4.9	16.9
173	106	European Mtr	111	...	...	4.8	11.6
539½	395	Evans Halshaw	406	+3	...	4.4	12.8
310	239	FR Group	303	+2	...	3.2	15.0
2359½	1687½	Ford Motor	1625	+12½	...	...	...
4367½	2762½	General Mtr	2950	-12½	...	1.7	...
90	60	Gowrings	76 †	...	...	3.3	23.1
342½	266½	Henlys	293 †	...	...	3.4	14.7
1239	918½	Honda Motor	1122½	-5½	...	0.4	...
68	35	Jacks (Wm)	58	...	...	...	13.4
184	145	Kwik-Fit	153 †	...	...	3.3	17.6
573	346	Lex Service	349	...	...	4.8	13.4
282	162	Lookers	190	+1	...	4.5	11.8
239	158	Lucas	190 †	...	...	4.6	...
29½	24	Mainya Grp	24 #	...	...	1.3	...
310	232	Pendragon	235 †	...	...	4.0	15.4
238	166	Perry Gp	167 †	...	...	5.2	9.2
218	143	Quicks Group	143 †	...	...	4.6	15.1
204	161	Rolls-Royce	183 ↓	+1½	...	3.4	32.4
261	203	T & N	221 †	...	...	6.1	19.3
333	263	Trinity Hldgs	312	-2	...	2.6	22.4
221	162	Vardy (Reg)	162	...	...	3.5	15.3

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
353	198	Adscene	203 †	...	...	2.8	21.0
345	320	Black (A&C)	335 †	-½	...	5.0	14.2
402	213	Blenheim Gp	264	...	...	5.0	9.7
413	365	Bristol	376	...	...	4.1	26.0
1650	1100	Daily Mail	1337½	...	...	1.4	31.3
1494½	868½	Daily Mail 'A'	965½	...	...	2.0	21.6
314	260	Dorling Kind	292	-½	...	1.4	∞
641	5½	Elsevier	698½	+½	...	3.1	20.5
469	361½	EMAP	376 †	...	...	2.9	23.4
1975	1450	Euromoney Pb	1745	-3	...	2.9	30.7
194	32	Harrington K	35	...	...	6.1	∞
515	328	Haynes Pub	440 †	...	...	2.6	26.2
408	335	Hodder H'line	335 †	-2	...	2.0	54.5
180	120	Home Counts	175 †	...	...	3.6	42.9
237	161	Intl Bus Comm	217 †	...	...	2.0	10.5
15	8	Int Cm & Data	10	...	...	...	...
340	273½	Independent	288	...	...	2.6	9.8
669	551	Johnstone Press	620 †	...	...	1.4	23.0
110	43	MAID	52	...	...	...	78.9
492	338	Metal Bulletin	478	...	...	2.9	24.7
177½	131	Midland Ind	139 †	+2	...	2.5	19.0
205	123	Mirror Gp	134 †	+2	...	0.9	7.1
514½	364	News Corp	384 †	+1	...	0.4	25.4
314	224	News Intl	249 †	...	...	0.7	13.2
735	552	Pearson	636 †	-2	...	2.7	21.5
760	644	Portsmth Sund	644	...	...	2.1	15.9
964	722	Reed Int	772	+2	...	3.1	23.4
249	187	Southnews	227	...	...	1.6	29.8
200	136	Sterling Pub	138 †	...	...	3.3	11.8
622	310	Telegraph	341 †	-5	...	4.8	12.0
885	695	Thomson Corp	745	...	30.1	5.1	37.2
472	389	Trinity Intl	389 †	-6	...	3.2	17.8
45	18½	Unit Group	35	...	...	...	...
731	479	Utd Nwspaprs	494 †	+6	...	5.8	11.9

OILS, GAS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
39½	24½	Aran Energy	39½	+½	...	...	23.9
53	35	Arcon Intl	42	-1	...	...	...
74½	59	Aust Oil & Gas	60	-½	...	...	...
67	43	Aviva Pet	47	...	...	...	...
9	6	Beverley	6½ #	...	...	...	84.6
249	197	Br Borneo	213 †	+2	...	4.2	10.0
358	253	British Gas	291½	+2	...	6.2	...
430	340	Br Petroleum	421½	-1	...	2.7	23.1
3½	1½	Bula Resources	3½ #	...	...	...	...
919	811	Burmah Castrl	857	-3	...	4.1	16.8
84	58	Cairn Energy	75	-1	...	...	41.3
375	258	Calor Gp	282	...	...	3.7	13.3
51	33	Clyde Pet	40 †	+1	...	1.1	...
30	17½	Coplex Res	17½	+½	...	...	...
2½	1½	Dragon Oil	1½	...	...	...	...
27½	17	Edin Oil & Gs	22	...	...	...	22.7
486	379	Enterprise	385 †	+1	...	5.2	...
26½	21	Fairhaven Intl	22½	...	...	5.4	9.2
8½	4½	Fortune	5½	...	...	...	...
77	54	Goal Pet	67	...	...	2.7	22.3
47	31	Gt Western Res	45	-1	...	...	...
177	137	Hardy O & G	148	...	...	0.8	18.9
55	40	Kch Energy	52	+1	...	3.2	...
169	110½	Lasmo	151	+½	...	0.8	...
73	52	Lasmo Units	52 †	...	7.8	18.8	...
75	55	Monument	70	...	...	...	...
7½	3½	New London	4	...	...	...	74.8
55	36	Oil Search	43	-1	...	...	...
59½	17½	Petrox	39	...	...	...	...
168	148½	Pict Pet	148½	...	...	...	∞
111	99	Pittencrieff Re	99	...	...	...	...
32½	21½	Premier	26	+½	...	...	14.1
158	118	Presidio	129	...	...	5.2	...
282	120	Ranico Egy	229	-1	...	0.3	...
463	325	Ranger	381	-12	...	5.2	...
7700	6601½	Royal Dtch Fl	7106½	-9½	...	4.5	18.6
4084½	3403½	Schlumberger	3525½	...	...	2.1	...
65	50	Seafield	62	+1	...	...	...
758	651	Shell	730 †	+3	...	4.3	22.2
187	128	Sunrise Eng Sv	128	...	...	...	...
237	178½	Woodside	[illegible]	-5	...	1.6	...
110	28	XCL	74	-1	...	...	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
184	138	AG Holdings	139	...	...	4.7	12.6
444	380	API	380	-2	...	3.0	22.6
316	237	Arjo Wiggins	253 †	+1	...	3.2	33.1
730	540	Abbott Mead	668 †	...	...	2.2	30.2
33	17½	Aegis Gp	25½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Aspen Comns	165 ↓	...	...	3.8	18.8
26	18	BBB Design	20	...	...	...	10.3
472	381	Bemrose	391 †	-2	...	4.1	13.6
13½	6½	Birkdale	6½	...	...	...	...
186	139	Bunzl	164 †	...	...	3.1	19.3
169	117½	CIA Gp	136	...	...	1.6	22.0
198	129	Capital Inds	168 †	...	...	3.3	13.2
99	76	City of Lon	84	...	...	6.5	12.8
439	304	Cropper (James)	308	-1	...	1.4	19.5
114	78	Delyn Group	78	...	...	2.7	14.1
137	104	Dolphin Pack	105 †	-3½	...	5.4	13.5
83	66	Dudley Jenkins	66	...	...	6.2	14.6
17½	12	Elswick	16½	...	...	2.5	17.0
101	75	Fairway Group	88	-3	...	4.9	16.4
430	302	Ferguson Intl	305	...	...	5.1	13.0
145	132	Ferry Pick	123 †	...	...	3.8	...
237	188	Filofax	201 †	...	...	1.1	19.9
17½	8	Fitch	12	...	...	...	...
149	132	Gibbon Lyons	139	...	...	4.9	13.0
275	171	Gold Greenlees	170 †	...	...	3.8	∞
34	23	Goodhead	26	-1	...	0.2	∞
162	124	Interestrope	126 †	...	...	7.7	∞
281½	248	Jarvis Porter	280	-2	...	2.3	20.1
35½	20½	Lopex	21	...	...	1.5	23.7
431	344	Mom O'Ferrall	350 †	...	...	4.7	20.2
425	230	Osborne & Little	390	-1	...	2.1	14.2
60	32	Osprey Comms	32	...	...	0.3	...
820	513	Portals	738	...	...	2.8	19.9
3	1½	Premier Hlth	2	...	...	...	...
330	253	Quarto	253 †	-5	...	3.8	13.8
412	314	St Ives Gp	319 †	-½	...	2.5	∞
178	127	Saatchi	155	...	...	...	30.2
959½	464½	Sappi	959½	+34½	...	2.8	22.1
30½	14½	Senif	14½	...	...	...	...
57	20½	Shandwick	47	...	...	1.1	7.1
573	398	Smith David	523	...	...	2.6	23.3
420½	274½	Smurfit (Jef)	387 †	-4½	...	1.4	15.0
119	82	Sonic	92	...	...	3.8	8.8
254	184	Sun-Plus	185 †	...	...	6.2	17.5
40½	25½	Taylor Nelson	37½	...	...	2.1	22.5
161	115	VTR	126	...	...	4.0	20.0
36½	24½	WACCO	24½	...	...	2.6	12.0
129	63½	WPP	118 †	...	...	1.2	19.8
270	182	Wace	220 †	+1	...	2.5	14.8
291	209	Waddington (J)	216	+1	...	4.9	10.6
511	365	Watmough	387 †	+1	...	3.2	24.5
45	29	Whinney Mck	38	...	...	...	...
132	98	Wyndeham	139	...	...	2.2	18.7

PROPERTY

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
130	96	Allied Lon	96	...	...	5.2	12.0
48	36	Arcadian	41	-1	...	...	...
278	253	Argent	265	...	...	...	...
10½	1½	Ashm Hldgs	2½	+½	...	...	...
144	109	Asda	117 †	...	...	2.4	20.8
191	113	Avonside	125 †	...	...	4.4	14.7
382½	238	Bilton	246 †	+4	...	4.9	17.9
108	72	Bourne End	83	...	...	1.5	...
226	183	Bradford	189	+5	...	4.3	13.3
474	360	Br Land	410	-9	...	2.3	35.9
137	116	Brighstone	116 †	...	...	4.0	26.3
276	177	Brixton	202 †	...	...	5.0	18.0
118	86½	Burford	89	...	...	2.2	28.9
112	99	CLS Hldgs	99 †	...	...	6.2	...
207½	125½	Cap & Regnl	137	...	...	1.5	30.9
229	191	Cap Shop Cus	202	+3	...	4.0	48.6
325	228	Cardiff Prop	233	...	...	1.3	52.1
185	152	Chelsfield	165 †	+2	...	1.8	56.0
678	508	Chesterfield	508	...	...	3.0	22.8
112	94	Chesterton Int	97	...	...	4.3	13.7
84	36	City Site Ests	63	-1	...	...	...
12½	6½	Clarke Nicholls	6½	...	...	1.9	13.6
87½	71½	Compco	77½	...	...	6.3	∞
55	30	Conrad Rhiar GS	30 †	...	...	2.1	36.2
1755	1328	Daejan	1330	...	...	2.7	15.5
25½	5	Dares Estates	8½	...	...	...	...
156	100	Debenham Twsn	100	...	...	4.4	16.2
17	6	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
189	161	Dencora	165	...	...	2.5	49.3
347½	253	Derwent Hldgs	253	...	...	2.2	22.6
41	21	Development Sec	24½	+½	...	0.5	...
51	45	Dwyer	46	...	...	...	...
460	275	Estates Agency	325 †	...	...	4.0	39.3
47	18	Estates Gen	22	+½	...	...	...
132	100	Evans Of Leeds	112	...	...	2.8	19.6
43½	24	Ex-Lands	27½	+½	...	1.9	∞
80	65	Fiscal Prop	65 †	...	...	1.2	...
37	24	Five Oaks	24½	...	...	1.0	...
78	45	Fletcher King	46	...	...	4.1	22.8
536	407	Frogmore	425 †	...	...	5.0	15.4
325	228	Grainger	254	...	...	3.0	∞
260	174	Gt Portland	188	...	...	5.3	35.8
226½	118	Greycoat	121	...	...	...	...
269	149	HK Land	154½	-3½	...	4.0	∞
94	39	Hambro Cntyw	44	...	...	0.7	44.7
435	311	Hammerson	343 †	+13	...	3.6	34.4
390	298	Helical Bar	354 †	...	...	2.1	12.7
40½	29½	Hemingway	31	...	...	1.6	53.2
78	24	Herring Baker	26	...	...	4.8	...
311½	130½	Jermyn	155 †	...	...	...	77.6
732	588	Land Sec	627	...	...	4.8	17.8
122	96	Lon Merch Sec	96	...	...	5.5	14.1
16	8	Lon & Metro	8	...	...	...	0.4
562	409	MEPC	433	-9	...	5.8	24.9
13½	6	McInerney A	6	...	...	...	...
190	164	McKay Secs	181	...	...	3.6	17.9
85	59	Merivale Mre	69 †	...	...	3.6	10.6
58	27	Moorfield Est	32	...	...	3.9	...
1425	1159½	Mountview	1159½	-15½	...	2.4	11.5
198	144	Muckiow (A&J)	147	...	...	5.5	∞
39	20	OEM	21	...	...	...	...
60	34	Olives Prop	34	...	...	...	12.7
191	145	PSIT	146	...	...	4.0	20.7
399	241	Peel	242	...	...	2.3	∞
162	145	Pillar Prop	152	...	...	3.0	...
12½	3	Power Corp	3	...	...	...	...
9½	4½	Premier Land	5½	...	...	...	...
53	32	Raglan	33	...	...	...	12.1
40	25½	Regalian	26	...	...	...	9.9
180	140	Rowlinson Secs	170	...	...	1.3	10.8
134	106	Rugby Est	107 †	...	...	2.6	...
64	45	St Modwen Prp	51½	...	...	2.9	12.8
78	59	Savills Grdn (J)	66 †	+2	...	5.1	19.2
100	63	Savills	63	...	...	4.5	10.2
108	82	Scot Met	86	...	...	2.3	...
135	99	Shaftesbury	99	...	...	...	...
307	221	Slough Estates	232 †	-7	...	4.4	49.6
103	56	Southend Prop	57	+1	...	5.3	...
133	106	Specty Shops	108	...	...	2.8	...
30	10	Stanhope Prps	11½	+1½	...	...	...
39	34	TBI	36	...	...	...	2.0
244	167	Tops Ests	168	...	...	1.6	40.6
163	116	Town Centre	117	...	...	3.7	20.9
107	40	Trafford Park	90 †	...	...	4.4	∞
58	28	UK Land	47	+1	...	...	...
317	220	Warner	226	...	...	6.2	21.7
260	218	Warnford	225	...	...	4.3	18.6
7½	1½	Watergiade	2 #	...	...	...	...
103½	63	Wates	70	...	...	...	...
105	68	Wood John D	70	...	...	3.6	∞

SHOES, LEATHER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
45	31	Automagic	37	...	...	...	...
173	163	Chamb Philpps	166	...	...	5.5	21.8
202½	135	Lambert	136 †	...	...	6.3	12.9
75	53	Pittards	68	...	...	3.3	...
26	19	Strong & Fisher	21	...	...	6.0	14.3
181½	151½	Stylo	165	...	...	2.0	11.1
69	50	UK Safety	50	...	...	6.6	12.0

TEXTILES

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
617	488	Allied Text	508	+3	...	3.2	15.6
71	40	Beckman (A)	40 †	+½	...	11.2	∞
39½	15½	Bolton Gp	18	-1	...	...	...
226	171	Br Mohair	199 †	...	...	5.3	20.5
385	292	Claremont Gn	308 †	...	...	3.0	17.1
593	451	Courtauld Text	479 †	-10	...	3.8	21.5
159½	119	Dawson	139	+2	...	2.7	...
42	28	Drummond	29	...	...	...	12.9
80	72	Foxpel	75	...	...	8.2	12.7
29	18	Foster (John)	19	...	...	...	...
168	113	Gaskell	147 †	...	...	3.6	...
33	25½	Helene Plc	30	+½	...	8.6	12.1
283	222	Hicking Pntcst	235	...	...	2.4	16.7
73	55	Jerome (S)	60 †	...	...	1.7	7.6
485	333	Lamont	359	...	...	4.4	11.8
340	265	Leeds	275	+1	...	2.7	14.0
101	68	Lyles (S)	85	-2	...	5.3	8.8
266	176	Parkland	176	...	...	3.6	10.5
112	77	Readicut	80	...	...	3.4	13.7
70	46	SEET	46	...	...	...	...
146	98	Sirdar	98 †	-½	...	6.9	14.2
64	50	Stirling Gp	60	...	...	4.0	16.6
46	33	Stoddard	33	...	...	6.1	12.4
330	214	Tomkinsons	214	...	...	6.7	20.2
49	34	West Trust	34 †	...	...	9.2	23.8
289	239	Yorklyde	267	+1	...	2.8	12.9

TOBACCOS

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
570	372	BAT	459½	+4½	...	5.6	12.0
489	337	Rothmans	413	+8	...	4.0	22.0

TRANSPORT

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
313½	228	Assoc Br Ports	282 †	-5	...	2.2	22.5
541½	440	BAA	509	+1	...	2.2	21.7
128	103½	Badgerline	119 †	...	...	4.3	...
490½	344	Br Airways	381	+1	...	3.6	11.9
108	73	Clarkson (H)	87 †	+2	...	2.5	21.0
592½	221	Eurotunnel Uts	221	-7	...	...	...
87	50	Fisher (James)	50	...	...	...	...
155	120½	IoM Steam	128 †	+1	...	4.3	9.8
63	39	Jacobs (JI)	55 †	+1	...	3.8	...
111	80	Lon O'Seas Frts	89 †	...	...	5.2	2.1
534	380	Mersey Docks	402 †	+2	...	2.9	19.5
347	345	Natl Express	308 †	...	...	...	...
291	157	NFC	178	...	...	3.1	17.8
348	246	Ocean Group	259 †	-1	...	3.0	27.3
91	58	Ocean Wilson	71	+1	...	6.9	13.1
743	598	P & O Dfd	638 †	...	...	5.6	41.1
199	153	P & O 5½%	198	...	...	3.9	19.7
705	549	Powell Duffryn	552	-1	...	3.5	...
102	84	Sekom	97	+1	...	5.3	15.7
215	158	Stagecoach	214	...	...	3.0	22.0
131	85½	TNT	111	...	...	2.4	21.3
915	703	Tibbet & Britn	715 †	-3	...	...	...
79	23	Tiphook	36	-2	...	2.6	18.3
327	197	TDG	212 †	+3	...	3.6	14.2
136	92	Ugland	135	...	...	0.7	∞
160	95	Utd Carriers	103 †	+1	...	1.9	...

WATER

1994 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
607	442	Anglian	542	+3	...	5.3	14.1
365	293	Mid Kent Hldgs	335	...	...	4.4	11.8
751	508	Northumbrian	667	+3	...	4.6	7.2
611	454	North West	562	+4½	...	5.1	8.4
645	457	Severn Trent	567	+7	...	5.0	8.0
682	466	Southern	595	+3	...	4.9	8.6
1740	1525	South Staffs	1730	...	...	3.8	11.5
675	484	South West	528	...	...	6.0	7.8
611	434½	Thames	527	+6	...	5.3	9.1
744	546	Welsh	642	...	...	4.9	7.1
799½	551	Wessex	617	+7	...	4.8	8.2
630	458	Yorkshire	529	+3½	...	5.4	7.8

Source: Finstat

• USM; # Price at suspension; † Ex dividend; ‡ Ex scrip; † Ex rights issue; ↓ Ex all; ‡ Ex capital distribution; ∞ Figures or report awaited; ... No significant data.



BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
107	100	Treas 9% 1994	100 †	...	8.97	5.22
107	101	Treas 12% 1995	101	...	11.80	5.58
99	97	Gas 3% 1990-95	98 †	+	3.04	5.56
107	102	Exch 10¼% 1995	102		9.97	6.39
113	105	Treas 12¾% 1995	106 †	...	12.01	6.75
117	107	Treas 14% 1996	108	+	12.94	7.01
121	111	Treas 15¼% 1996	111	+	13.69	7.28
117	108	Exch 13¼% 1996	108 †	+	12.20	7.34
112	103	Conv 10% 1996	104		9.57	7.62
121	110	Treas 13¼% 1997	111	+	11.94	7.79
114	104	Exch 10½% 1997	105	+	9.95	7.82
110	100	Treas 8¾% 1997	101	+	8.59	7.99
131	116	Exch 15% 1997	118 †	+	12.71	8.13
114	102	Exch 9¾% 1998	104	+	9.36	8.21
107	95	Treas 7¼% 1998	97	+	7.46	8.18
102	93	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95 †	+	7.06	8.19
131	115	Treas 14% 1998-01	117 †	+	11.95	8.39
140	122	Treas 15½% 1998	123	+	12.51	8.27
125	110	Exch 12% 1998	112	+	10.68	8.37
116	101	Treas 9½% 1999	103	+	9.14	8.35

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	88	Treas 6% 1999	90	+	6.60	8.32
128	111	Exch 12¼% 1999	113	+	10.77	8.46
121	105	Treas 10½% 1999	107	+	9.74	8.43
121	104	Conv 10¼% 1999	107 †	+	9.57	8.48
116	99	Conv 9% 2000	102	+	8.80	8.45
136	116	Treas 13% 2000	119	+	10.90	8.63
106	88	Treas 7% 2001	92 †	+	7.60	8.49
122	103	Treas 10% 2001	106	+	9.38	8.60
123	102	Treas 9¾% 2002	106	+	9.18	8.63
113	92	Treas 8% 2003	96	+	8.28	8.56
127	104	Treas 10% 2003	108	+	9.22	8.62
139	109	Treas 11½% 2001-04	113	+	10.17	8.78
86	69	Fund 3½% 1999-04	73	+	4.76	7.35
105	84	Treas 6¾% 2004	95	+	7.64	8.47
125	101	Conv 9½% 2004	106 †	+	9.95	8.55
125	102	Conv 9½% 2005	104 †	-	8.91	8.53
143	118	Treas 12½% 2003-05	122 †	+	10.21	8.86
111	91	Treas 8% 2002-06	96	+	8.32	8.52
112	90	Treas 7¾% 2006	94	-	8.17	8.44
139	112	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	116	+	10.08	8.86
119	95	Treas 8½% 2007	100	+	8.48	8.46
151	124	Treas 13½% 2004-08	129	+	10.44	8.96
121	90	Treas 9% 2008	104	-	8.62	8.46

LONGS (over 15 years)

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
115	91	Treas 8% 2009	96	+	8.31	8.44
126	100	Conv 9% 2011	105	+	8.56	8.40
127	100	Treas 9% 2012	105	+	8.53	8.39
93	71	Treas 5½% 2008-12	75	+	7.31	8.14
114	89	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	94	+	8.23	8.32
117	92	Treas 8% 2013	96	+	8.27	8.33
159	126	Exch 12% 2013-17	132	+1	9.07	8.54
128	99	Treas 8¾% 2017	104	+	8.39	8.31

UNDATED

1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
54	30	War Ln 3½%	41	+	8.35	...
37	27	Treas 2½%	29	...	8.55	...

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1994 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
203	197	Treas IL 2% 1996	200	+	2.53	3.98
113	106	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107 †	+	2.60	3.47
176	163	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166	+	3.31	3.76
173	159	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162	+	3.42	3.78
118	107	Treas IL 4⅛% 2004	109 †	+	3.43	3.77
184	165	Treas IL 2% 2006	168	+	3.52	3.79
168	149	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153	+	3.57	3.80
175	154	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158	+	3.60	3.81
146	126	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130	+	3.61	3.80
157	134	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138	+	3.66	3.84
152	128	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132	+	3.69	3.85
129	106	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110	+	3.68	3.82
128	105	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109	+	3.71	3.86



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A neglected 1958 musical reveals the lighter side of Dmitri Shostakovich

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Lucinda Childs, high priestess of minimalist choreography, brings her company to London



VISUAL ART: The biggest-ever show of Whistler at the Tate Gallery; plus selected contemporary shows

Music of the twilight hour

The Tate Gallery's retrospective reveals James McNeill Whistler to be an artist increasingly immersed in melancholy, writes **Richard Cork**

When Ruskin accused Whistler of "flinging a pot of paint in the public's face", he voiced a hysterical intolerance that has regularly been hurled at modern art ever since. Whistler, no mean combatant himself, sued the critic for libel. His performance at the notorious trial of 1878, unattended by the increasingly deranged Ruskin, rested on a witty defence of the painter's right to aspire to the abstract condition of music. "Art," he claimed in the same year, "should be independent of all clap-trap — should stand alone and appeal to the artistic sense of eye or ear without confounding this with emotions entirely foreign to it, as devotion, pity, love, patriotism."

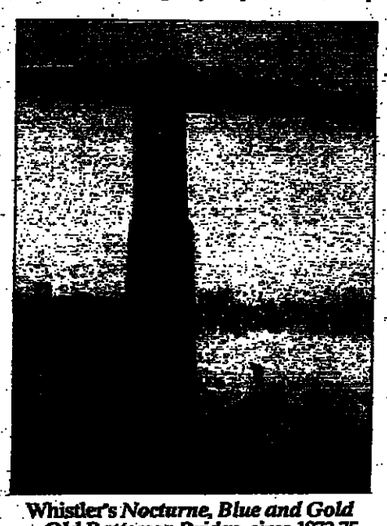
The article airing these inflammatory sentiments was called "The Red Rag", and they duly incensed bulldog opinion in Britain. Whistler was widely regarded as a charlatan, and the fact that he was American only added to his untrustworthiness. Although the judge awarded him a farthing's damages, he was not awarded costs. So the trial ended as a Pyrrhic victory, and he found himself declared bankrupt the following year.

His plight has always provoked my sympathy. I warm to his doughty rebuttal of Ruskin's ridiculous scorn, and regard him as a spirited champion of modern art's search for greater expressive freedom. Whistler's work, however, never really lives up to the expectations aroused by his polemical vigour. The unapologetic rebel turns out to be a surprisingly tasteful painter. Increasingly in love with fading light and intimations of melancholy, his work often seems to suffer from the visual equivalent of anaemia.

Until now, though, any attempt to assess his achievement in the round has been hampered by lack of evidence. No major Whistler exhibition has appeared in London for decades, and many of his finest works are confined to American collections legally prevented from lending. All honour, then, to the Tate Gallery for staging such an ambitious retrospective.

Despite the obstacles, it turns out to be a substantial affair. Proper attention is paid to Whistler's graphic work, especially his prowess as an etcher. And every attempt has been made to assemble a comprehensive array of his best paintings, often hung on grey walls which match the austere backdrop in his most celebrated work — *Arrangement in Grey and Black: Portrait of the Painter's Mother.*

The main fascination lies in the early rooms. The young Whistler is revealed as a divided artist. Part of him was attracted to the earthy realism of Courbet, whose work impressed him soon after arriving in Paris. The two men became friends, and Whistler's interest in down-and-out subjects led him to study the drifters slumped in all-night bars. His etchings show no hesitation in exploring the "lower depths" of Parisian life. His paintings, however, already display a fastidious reluctance to sully the canvas with such grimy subjects.



Whistler's *Nocturne, Blue and Gold — Old Battersea Bridge*, circa 1872-75

The earliest painting on show, *At the Piano*, presents an irreproachably polite, middle-class and well-laundered scene. Viewed in strict profile, so that they fail to disrupt the overall emphasis on flatness, mother and daughter are absorbed by the music. In terms of Whistler's later fondness for calling his work "symphonies", "notes" and "harmonies", this concentration on the piano's allure is prophetic.

So is the stark reliance on pictorial essentials, and the contrast between the black and white dresses. Completed in 1859, the painting immediately allied Whistler with the French avant-garde. But rather than affirming his commitment to modern life, *At the Piano* is also bound up with memory and loss. It refers to the Whistler family's musical evenings in Russia, and his father's accomplishment as a player of piano and flute. Both woman and girl are dressed in mourning clothes, and their sombre expressions may reflect the artist's continuing sadness over his father's untimely death ten years before.

In *At the Piano*, the mood of yearning is severely controlled. But after the painting's success in London prompted Whistler to settle there, he allowed narrative suggestions to invade his work. Despite its defiantly musical title, *Symphony in White, No 2: The Little White Girl* is freighted with suggestions of a story. Joanna Hifferman, his model and mistress in the early 1860s, leans against a mantelpiece and gazes wistfully towards a mirror. She seems in thrall to sadness and its unexplained origin only encourages the viewer to speculate about her possible plight.

Whistler, however, never succumbed to the Victorian infatuation with narrative. The oriental fan in Joanna's limp hand testifies to his respect for the simplification and restraint of Japanese art. Its formal rigour helped him to resist the temptations of story-telling. But he gave way, for a while, to an over-artful fondness for fashionable ladies in oriental robes. Incongruously posed against a backdrop of the Thames, they look absurdly self-conscious. Whistler was well-advised to cast them aside, and concentrate instead on the river alone.

He found himself drawn, irresistibly, to nocturnes. The waning light encouraged him to pursue his interest in ruthless elimination. Incidentals drop away, and we are left with the crepuscular essence. The room containing these distilled Thamescapes is the most absorbing in the show. *Nocturne: Grey and Silver*, the most simplified of all, is an astonishing achievement for the 1870s. Reduced to three bands of deep blue and black, it smoulders with the same intensity as Rothko at his most unfathomable.

Not all of Whistler's river paintings are so minimal. Although *Nocturne: Blue and Gold — Old Battersea Bridge* became one of his most controversial works, its inclusion of a hunched figure on the barge below hints at narrative. He looks mournful to the point of desperation. And his dejection highlights the melancholy underlying all these nocturnes.

As he grew older, Whistler seems to have grown increasingly preoccupied with the transience of life. The women drifting through *Cremorne Gardens No 2* are little more than wraiths, thinly brushed against the darkening backdrop. The same location provided him with the starting point for the picture denounced by Ruskin, *Nocturne in Black and Gold: The Falling Rocket*. But rather than showing the Cremorne's firework display at its spectacular climax, Whistler chose the moment when the frenzy has all but dissipated. The gold flecks spattering the night sky show the rocket's dying moments. Another artist might have used fireworks to convey ecstasy; Whistler uses them to dwell on extinction.

The same mood informs his finest portraits. Arrayed in a mourning dress, Whistler's widowed mother sits in a severe profile position and ruminates, stoically, on her own mortality. Carlyle, adopting a similar pose but less erect, seems oppressed by the onset of old age.

With the advent of the 1880s, the sense of a dying fall had a detrimental effect on Whistler's most ambitious paintings. They become drained of vitality. Mrs Cassatt is expressionless, a mannequin about to be obliterated by the shadows. Working on a small scale, Whistler was still able to muster his former freshness. But the aftermath of bankruptcy took its toll.

On the rare occasions when he gathered enough of his energy to produce large paintings, the results look enfeebled. Some are frankly unfinished, and their listlessness reveals the artist's gathering fatigue. Far from enjoying a brilliant late phase, the ageing Whistler felt defeated.

Unable to find solace in his art, and crushed by the death of his wife, he stares out from a *dim self-portrait like an anguished, haggard spectre.* It is called *Brown and Gold*, for Whistler continued to insist on his art's freedom from illustration. Rather than leaving us with chords of musical colour, though, this faded image is burdened with the misery of a man haunted by loneliness and the inescapable grave.

● *Whistler, at the Tate Gallery (071-887 8000) until Jan 8*



In thrall to an unexplained sadness: Whistler's *Symphony in White, No 2: The Little White Girl*, painted in 1864

AROUND THE GALLERIES

PATRICK Heron's name is synonymous with a pioneering attitude towards abstraction. This series of big paintings was made this year, specifically for the large main gallery at Camden Arts Centre. With all the freshness and ease of an intimate sketch, the paint has been drawn, sometimes straight from the tube, across enormous canvases. The effect implies continuity, as if the paintings are sections or segments of a light-filled whole. The canvas glows through sparingly used colour, which never dominates but delineates the white space of both paintings and gallery. Heron's dependence on the moment and his belief in "freshness" shows an inherent respect for the initial order in which ideas can fall on canvas.
Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (071-435 2643) until Nov 13

☐ Larry Clark's photographs are more sympathetic in reality than they are in reputation. They are of situations normally only photographed by the pornographer or photojournalist. The pictures have a partial, off-hand relationship to art, and come "fresh" out of reality. Clark appears to have taken these photographs through a strange compulsion which is separate from aesthetic or artistic need. Young people inject themselves and each other; people have real rather than simulated sex; adolescent and pubescent boys hang around in a flirtatious state of semi-knowingness. The context of downright domesticity makes it all seem dangerously close and vaguely familiar.
Karsten Schubert 41-42 Foley Street, London W1 (071-631 0031) until Nov 12

☐ Maggie Ellenby has repeatedly used the same shop window for her work. It really doesn't pretend to be much more than something to walk past or see from the bus as it turns the corner. The current installation, which has thousands of individual marshmallows filling the window to spell out a thin and shaky "No", is part of a consistent plan of artistic activity. In a gallery this idea might seem to be only about extending the range of art made from confectionery, but here it works much better. Is this a general protest? Is it serious? And at what kind of level is such suddenly surprising street art supposed to operate?
108 Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (071-278 7368) to Nov 30

☐ It seems as if a grown-up toy box has been emptied over the floor. Attractive brightly coloured baby's toy balls have fallen haphazardly while equally strongly coloured baby's bricks are stacked at the back. The effect is initially pleasurable, but the "toys" are obviously for adults, because the image of a soft, limp penis has been repeatedly worked into and across the knitted fabric. Is the simple juxtaposition of male imagery with a cosy domestic interior enough? Or is there something much more subtle going on? The point is perhaps deliberately simple, to match the bright, simple, sweet, clean material. Rebecca Scott used to make paintings but now sticks to knitting. Her work explores certain ideas of what constitutes craft and art, private and public.
Mario Flecha, Unit 1, 3 Leighton Place, London NW5 (071-284 3264) until Nov 1

☐ Dorothy Bohm came to Britain to escape Nazi-threatened Lithuania, and has had a full and distinguished photographic career here ever since. Each of her colour photographs, taken over the past ten years, carries a sense of longing and desire. Places pictured are as strongly various as Amalfi, Normandy, Parc de la Villette in Paris, Japan and even Worthing. The range is enormous, while the gentle attitude to seeing and visiting remains consistent. It seems a pity that such work should be let down by too many pictures being placed too close to each other. Any tantalising juxtapositions — of contemporary fragment, for instance, with ancient setting — are lost in a sea of colour.
Photographers' Gallery, 5 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (071-831 1772) until Nov 19

SACHA CRADDOCK

THEATRE: Sentimentality curdles the mix

A saint to try the patience

Aurelie, My Sister
Gate, W11

I OFTEN find myself struggling to identify the relationships of the characters on the cast-list. Who is whose stepson, half-brother, long-lost uncle and third cousin twice removed? But I cannot remember a poser to compare with the one slyly set by the Quebecois dramatist, Marie Laberge, in what is, believe it or not, a two-character play.

At first Sheila Reid's fiftyish Aurelie appears to be the close friend, maybe even the adoptive mother, of Carol Starks's Cat, who is in her twenties. Then we learn she is the sister of Cat's real mother, a sculptor in far-off Italy. But about two-thirds through the evening, the two women return from the funeral of an old man who was, it emerges, father to both of them. Cat is the fruit of an incestuous union. Aurelie is her half-sister, aunt, friend and substitute mum.

What is the point of a revelation that makes Oedipus's genesis seem comparatively straightforward? Laberge is a warm, gentle writer, and certainly cannot be accused of sensationalism. Rather, she is celebrating a female bond that transcends the most forbidding oddities and obstacles. Her aim is also to show us a woman — Reid's tiny, genial Aurelie — capable of turning ill to good and becoming friend, aunt, sister and mother all at once.

But the danger is sentimentality, and it is one that afflicts the play from the start, when a beaming Aurelie sends a glowing Cat out on a rapturous date with what turns out to be a married man. And her emotional support is unvarying throughout the ups and downs of the doomed affair that ensues. Were Cat to make one of her regular visits to Anthony MacIlwaine's pretty green-and-white conservatory and let drop that she had shot her lover, Aurelie would probably respond by solicitously hoping she had not bruised her trigger finger in the process.

The play hardens when Cat returns from a first visit to her biological mother; but only a little. Laberge's sensitivity and intelligence are not in doubt, but she cannot bring herself to say a harsh word about her women, and especially about Aurelie.

Virtue means little if it comes without evident struggle and setbacks; but at least Reid has grit and energy enough to ensure it is not cloying. And at least Lawrence Boswell, who directs, has found a fine young actress, passionate but disciplined, to partner her.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

MARILYN KINGWILL



Carol Starks (left) and Sheila Reid as the blood-tied twosome in *Aurelie, My Sister*

CONCERT: Mahler takes minds off money

Making drama in the midst of crisis

LSO/Tilson Thomas
Barbican

MALAISE? What malaise? At a time when London's orchestras could well be forgiven for playing as if they were caught in a long, clinical depression, the London Symphony Orchestra, facing a comfortably full Barbican Hall, put politics and penury behind them in a life-affirming performance of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, which brought down the curtain on the first half of their Mahler Festival.

Michael Tilson Thomas thinks big when he thinks Mahler. He is less interested in the raw skin and nervous tics of the music; more in its respiratory system and its muscle. The first, Funeral March part of the symphony lived by broad, swinging changes of tempo and long, shifting breaths; and the scherzo's *Ländler* leapt high off the ground in swooping upbeats. The Adagietto — each *entry, each phrase, most finely* poised for its own descent — just failed to pluck at the viscera: the shudder went unmarked, so the relief of the otherwise exuberant Rondo-Finale was initially palpable.

In this, his last season with the LSO, Tilson Thomas chose also to look back at the subject of one of his earlier festive series. Steve Reich was celebrated in 1989, and his 1986 *Three Movements*, with its vibraphones, marimbas, and antiphonal string orchestras, suggesting "the changing light as clouds move slowly across the sky", was given a rhythmically vigorous, joyful performance. The concert, which began with Wolf's *Italian Serenade*, will be repeated on Thursday, and Mahler starts up again in March.

HILARY FINCH

LONDON

DANCE UMBRELLA: The annual festival of new dance is upon us again and the London debut of Lucinda Childs's Dance Company must be the highlight of the first week (see interview, right). Tonight's programme includes one of her landmark works, *Available Light*, to music by John Adams. Other notables on offer today: the American group Urban Bush Women, returning with a new programme and the African dancer Koffi Koko.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, (Childs to Thurs) South Bank Centre, SE1 (071-928 8800), **Hackney Empire**, (Urban Bush to Wed) Mare Street, E8 (081-985 2424), **ICA**, (Koko) The Mall, SW1 (071-930 3647)

BOY: After their success with Shaun Duggan's shrewdly witty *Self-Catering*, Altered States present his new play, telling of the sexual fears and dreams of a Liverpool lad.
Lyric Studio, King Street, Hammersmith, W6 (081-741 8701). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Sat, 8pm; mat Sat, 4.30pm. Until Nov 5.

MOMIX: The ever inventive, funny, sexy and acrobatic American dance company makes its fourth visit to Sadler's Wells.

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

It apparently intends to present several British premieres but the real highlight will be its exceptional *Passion*, set to Peter Gabriel's score for Scorsese's controversial film *The Last Temptation of Christ*.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 4.30 and 8.30pm. Until Oct 29.

ELSEWHERE

SOUTHAMPTON: The Nuffield opens another of its commissioned dramas tonight. In Claire Luckham's *Dogspet* a 13-year-old girl refuses to speak after the shock of a house fire. And in trying to help, two aunts discover unpalatable truths about their own lives along the way.
Nuffield, University Road, (0703 671771). Tonight, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm. Fri and Sat, 8pm; mat Nov 5, 2.30pm. Until Nov 5.

NORTHAMPTON: Stephen Dillane takes the title role in Peter Hall's new production of *Hamlet*, now on tour after opening at the Thorndike in Surrey. Michael Pennington, Donald Sinden, Gwen Taylor and Gina Bellman also star.
Derngate, Guildhall Road (0604 24811). Tonight-Sat, 7pm; mats Wed and Sat, 1.30pm.

SHEFFIELD: Opera North takes to the road with its excellent autumn season repertoire. Annabel Arden's production of *The Magic Flute* is a treat for even the most jaded palate (tonight and Fri), thrilling results are produced for Verdi's *Il trovatore* (Wed and Sat) and Jeremy Sams and Michael Wilcox have given their all for a new production of Chabrier's *The Reluctant King* (Thurs).
Lyceum, Norfolk Street (0742 769922). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm.

OXFORD: Meanwhile, more to delight the non-London opera-goer. **Welsh National Opera** has thrown down the gauntlet for best British production of the coming year with its enchanting *Beatrice and Benedict* (Thurs), plus *La traviata* (Wed), *Turandot* (tonight and Fri) and Janáček's great psychological thriller *The Makropoulos Case* (Sat).
Apollo, George Street (0865 244544). Tonight-Sat, 7.15pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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☐ **BEAUTIFUL THING:** Jonathan Harvey's award-winning and touching play about teenage love, gay and straight, on a London council estate.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Thurs, 8pm, Fri and Sat, 6pm and 8.30pm.

◪ **THE MORTAL ASH:** Richard Cameron's shrewd portrait of a Yorkshire family, victims of a hate campaign. Perceptive and warm; well worth seeing.
Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Tonight-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **MOSCOW STATIONS:** Tom Courtenay's one-man performance as an alcoholic lost on the Moscow Underground. You probably won't see finer, more touching acting this year.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-494 5085). Mon-Sat, 8pm.

◪ **NEVILLE'S ISLAND:** Tony Slattery heads a strong cast playing a quartet of businessmen disastrously lost in the fog during a team-building exercise in Lakeland. Jeremy Sams directs Tim Firth's shrewd play.
Apollo, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8pm; Wed, 2.30pm; Sat, 5pm and 8.30pm.

◪ **THE OFFICIAL TRIBUTE TO THE BLUES BROTHERS:** "Jake" and "Elwood" give two hours of soul, blues and rhythm 'n' blues. Lights, noise, good voices, exhilarating stuff.
Comedy, Panton St, SW1 (071-369 1731). Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri and Sat, 6pm and 9pm. Until Oct 29.

☐ **ON APPROVAL:** Peter Hall's production of the Lonsdale evergreen.

☐ **WHAT A PERFORMANCE:** David Suchet shows off well as he mugs and flounces as Sid Field in William Humble's stage biography of a comic genius.
Queen's, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm.

LONG RUNNERS

☐ **Arcadia**, Haymarket (071-930 8800) ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) . . . ◪ **Buddy**, Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) . . . ◪ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) . . . ☐ **Copacabana**: Prince of Wales (071-839 5972) . . . ☐ **Crazy for You**: Prince Edward (071-734 8951) . . . ◪ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) . . . ◪ **Five Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) . . . ◪ **Grease**: Dominion (071-416 6060) . . . ◪ **An Inspector Calls**: Aldwych (071-836 6404) . . . ☐ **Lady Windermere's Fan**: Albery (071-867 1115) . . . ◪ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ◪ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) . . . ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) . . . ☐ **She Loves Me**: Savoy (071-836 8888) . . . ◪ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) . . . ◪ **Sunset Boulevard**: Adelphi (071-344 0055) . . . ☐ **The Winslow Boy**: Globe (071-494 5065) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of London Theatre.

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

◆ **WAR OF THE BUTTONS** (PG): Child warfare in a small Irish community. Small, damp whimsy from producer David Puttnam, directed by newcomer John Roberts.
MGM Fulham Road ◪ (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

CURRENT

◆ **FORREST GUMP** (12): Endearing if indulgent odyssey through post-war America, ideal for baby boomers. With Tom Hanks. Director, Robert Zemeckis.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **Empire** ◪ (0600 888911) **MGM Baker St** (071-935 9772) **Fulham Rd** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Rexoir** (071-837 8402) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (071-727 6705) **Screen/ Green** (071-226 3520) **Phoenix** (081-883 2233) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

THE HUDSUCKER PROXY (PG): Hick becomes company boss. Rizzy comic pastiche from the Coen brothers, with Tim Robbins, Jennifer Jason Leigh and Paul Newman.
MGMis: Penton Street (071-930 0631) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148)

◆ **THE LION KING** (U): African lion cub almost loses his father's throne. Much hyped but charmless Disney cartoon, not meant for tiny tots.
Barbican ◪ (071-638 8891) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Sq** (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Screen/Baker St** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332)

SIRENS (15): Oxford curate and his wife mingle with Australia's bohemians. Joyful, luscious romp, with Hugh Grant, Tara Fitzgerald and Elle MacPherson. Directed by John Duigan.
MGM Trocadero ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeon Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683)

◆ **SPEED** (15): Enjoyable package of thrills, with Keanu Reeves as the SWAT team daredevil faced with a bomb on an LA bus. With Sandra Bullock and Dennis Hopper.
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◆ **TRUE LIES** (15): Schwarzenegger saves the world from Middle East terrorists. But what about his marriage? Overblown fun with Jamie Lee Curtis. Director, James Cameron.
Empire (0600 888911) **MGMis: Fulham Road** (071-370 2636) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Plaza** (0600 888997)

◆ **WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN** (15): Serious, well-focused drama about alcohol abuse, detoxification and after. With Meg Ryan and Andy Garcia; director, Luis Mandoki.
MGM Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (0426 915683) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

NEW RELEASES

◆ **THE ADVENTURES OF PRISCILLA, QUEEN OF THE DESERT** (15): Two drag queens and a transsexual get stuck in the Australian outback. Joyful and vulgar romp with Terence Stamp and Hugo Weaving, director, Stephan Elliott.
MGMis: Chelsea (071-352 5096) **Haymarket** (071-839 1527) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◪ (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914098) **Plaza** (0800 888997) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (071-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

GERONIMO (12): Strangely dull account of the Apache warrior's capture from director Walter Hill. With Jason Patric, Gene Hackman, Robert Duvall and Wes Studi.
MGM Shaftesbury Avenue (071-836 6279)

SPARROW (12): Unconvincing tale of thwarted young love from Franco Zeffirelli, with newcomer Angela Bettis and too many British stalwarts.
Odeon Haymarket (0426-915 353)

THREESOME (18): Shallow but smart college comedy with good quips and attractive performances (Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin). Director, Andrew Fleming.
MGMis: Fulham Road (071-370 2636) **Piccadilly** (071-437 3561) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Warner** ◪ (071-437 4343)

TO LIVE (12): Simple, enthralling family epic from leading Chinese director Zhang Yimou. With Ge You, Gong Li.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **Screen/Hill** ◪ (071-435 3366)

Moscow melody of 1958

London is about to discover the lighter side of Shostakovich. And about time too, says James Woodall

If Shostakovich has suffered from anything, it is from a reputation as a gloom-monger. Those towering, granite-edged symphonies have somehow become associated with a special form of Russian doom, deepened, in Shostakovich's case, by the manner in which much of his "great" music — in the Fifth, Seventh, Tenth, Thirteenth and Fifteenth Symphonies, say — bears witness to the terrible upheavals in 20th-century Soviet life.

Less well known is his output as a composer of popular music. While his playful side is manifestly on show in works such as the Second Piano Concerto, very little of Shostakovich's more workaday stuff is heard now. This is all the more surprising, since it was precisely by this music — often catchy, craftily written tunes, still sung by Russian lorry drivers — that Shostakovich earned his crust.

From tomorrow, at the Lyric, Hammersmith, Shostakovich the populist at last arrives in town. *Moscow, Cheryomushki* is a musical composed in 1958 and premiered in Moscow in 1959. It has not been seen or heard anywhere in the West since, though a much altered film version was made of it in the early 1960s.

On the Lyric stage (under the title *Cheryomushki 1958*) a fast, feisty show will be performed for the first time ever in English and is likely to be more reminiscent of *Crazy for You* than a work by a "serious composer".

The reasons for its neglect are plain: *Moscow, Cheryomushki* is pure entertainment. It doesn't fit the usual Shostakovich image. Surely it must therefore, be inferior work? Gerard McBurney, who has adapted the original score for a dance band, thinks not: "The distinctions of 'serious' and 'light' simply don't apply to Shostakovich. He thrived on popular music, and wrote masses of music for films and theatre. It was how he made his living."

The other reason for *Moscow, Cheryomushki*'s non-performance is that no Western theatre in its right mind would accommodate (or could afford) the full orchestra the original score demands — hence McBurney's adaptation.

"I based my band on a 1930s combo — 14 players, including saxophone, brass and woodwind, banjo, guitar, and three or four strings. I have had fun, spiced it up a bit. But there have been no changes to the harmonies. Musically, the same Shostakovich who wrote the symphonies is behind this show."

The plot is straightforward: boy meets girl, and the action concerns how he gets her, with the usual obstacles on the way — interfering officials, jealous elders, bad timing. It is set against the climate of the so-called "thaw" in post-Stalinist Russia, where the real hopes of the proletariat were to be fulfilled — a Soviet incarnation of Macmillan's "you've never had it so good" of the same era. Cheryomushki, then a new housing estate, is a symbol of this aspiration, with the young lovers trying to get their own pad together.

The score of *Moscow, Cheryomushki* occupies two volumes of the 50-volume complete works of Shostakovich. David Pountney had had it lying around in his office since directing Shotakovich's *Lady Macbeth of Mtsensk* at English National Opera in 1987. "When the conductor Wasfi Kani asked if I had any bright ideas, I gave her this," Pountney says. "She had it translated and I then did my own version. The more I worked on it, the more I wanted to do it. It is full of music that makes me laugh."



SIMON WALKER

Pure entertainment: Pimlico Opera's staging of *Cheryomushki 1958* emphasises Shostakovich's sense of fun



Soviet song-and-dance: the final scene of the original 1959 production given by the Moscow Operetta Theatre

Pountney's diary being full, the job of direction fell to Lucy Bailey, a specialist in music theatre. While McBurney is clear in his own mind that *Moscow, Cheryomushki* is a "musical comedy" with roots in mid-European operetta, Bailey looks to the inherent drama of the piece to maximise its potential.

"It is not an opera", she says, "but it is a mouster, that could go on and on. Our task is to make it full of life again, to reinvent it. The fun and effort of the piece has been to create the fantasy of it."

With the designer Paul Andrews, Bailey came up with a single concept: a vision of 1950s utopia, when people strove to adorn their lives with fridges and cars. She has drawn on vaudeville and circus, with an overlay of the contemporary shopping arcade. "I wanted to get the feel of a cartoon strip. Everything was glamorised then, the world was silvery, so it was important to capture that as some kind of cartoon fantasy."

What Bailey calls the "edge of the entertainment" is that such dreams are bottomless: Cheryomushki is now dilapidated and forgotten. David Pountney points out that while the piece is entirely Russian in spirit, there is much in it that recalls our own times: "I don't see much in Cheryomushki that could not be found today in Newcastle, the Gorbals or Lambeth."

If no one is likely to claim that *Moscow, Cheryomushki* is an undiscovered masterpiece, — McBurney calls it simply "undiscovered" — it does throw a spotlight on something fundamental, and often forgotten, about its composer. Shostakovich had an extraordinary musical memory; there are plenty of echoes in this show of Tchaikovsky, Johann Strauss, Offenbach and others. And he was also, at heart, an ironist.

While *Moscow, Cheryomushki* is certainly fun, there is nothing comfortable about its message. "I hope," McBurney says, "that we can enjoy the pastiche and parody and salacious cross-references of the piece, not to mention the genuinely corny and sentimental bits. But we should not forget that this is also a show about corruption, corruption at the very heart of the state. Its subject was a matter of volatile political discussion in the late 1950s in the Soviet Union.

"What Shostakovich has left us with is a wonderful, fizzing satire."

● Cheryomushki 1958 *is at the Lyric Theatre, King Street, Hammersmith, London W6 (081-741 2311) from tomorrow.*

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Pristine steps for the patient

Tonight, for the first time, London audiences will experience the icy warmth of Lucinda Childs's choreography, says Allen Robertson

Some people call her an ice goddess: cool, serene and always in control. New York choreographer Lucinda Childs is a leading exponent of minimalism, that sleek, analytical strand of art that arose as a conceptual counterbalance to the pop art explosion engineered by Andy Warhol.

Tonight the Childs company will make its long-overdue London debut at the same time as it celebrates its 21st anniversary. One of America's most respected artists, Childs is a darling of the French. In Paris her performances have been guaranteed sell-outs since the mid-1970s, when, according to Marcel Michel, the critic for *Libération*, "the French public adopted Lucinda".

But, before her company's performances at this summer's Edinburgh Festival, she was virtually an unknown entity in this country. In 1978 she appeared as an actress in a two-character play at the Royal Court. More recently she and composer Gavin Bryars created *Four Elements* for Rambert Dance Company (1991). Next March we will be able to see her latest foray into opera when Covent Garden imports Luc Bondy's production of *Salome*: Childs choreographed the climactic "Dance of the Seven Veils" for soprano Catherine Malfitano.

London may have had to wait a long time; but we will be getting something special. Her Dance Umbrella performances at the Queen Elizabeth Hall will feature a rare revival of *Available Light*. Conceived for the opening of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles in 1983, it teamed Childs with composer John Adams, for his first-ever score for dance. The set designs were by architect Frank Gehry (best-known for his new, monumentally grand American Centre in Berty, on the east side of Paris).

Available Light had its premiere in an unfinished industrial space that had been a parking garage. Because there were none of the usual proscenium stage limitations to restrict their ideas, Gehry and Childs opted for a free-standing split-level performance space that seemed to hover in the vast emptiness of the garage.

Gehry devised a pair of connected wooden structures that situated one of the performance spaces above and behind the other. Childs choreographed a bilateral dance that mirrored, refracted, splintered and reunited one set of movements with another. It was a bit like simultaneously watching a single dance from two different angles.

This playing with the way we see things is one of Childs's ongoing interests. In fact, her most famous work, *Dance*, takes this notion to unparalleled heights. A 1979 collaboration with composer Philip Glass and visual artist Sol LeWitt, *Dance* incorporates filmed images of the choreography synchronised with the live dancers.

The film is projected on a stage-wide scrim that hangs between the audience and the performers.

> "We don't claim to have any control over the audience's reactions"

Sometimes the images are gigantic close-ups. Sometimes the film floats high above the heads of the real dancers, at other times it is so fascinatingly exact in scale that it doubles the live dancers.

As with all of Childs's choreography, the movement has a pristine and precise yet fluent simplicity. Her deliberately restricted vocabulary is composed of skips, rhythmic walks, cantering runs and little leaps that are deployed in diagrammatic stage-wide patterns repeated over and over. Gradually, as the movement builds up, it starts to reveal a myriad of permutations.

Childs's own on-stage persona perfectly embodies the streamlined elegance of her choreography. With her aloof, even intimidating composure, Childs, now 54, has an imperious poise worthy of a grand duchess. The unexpected warmth of her laugh comes as a shock, like a crack in a glacier.

"The movement in and of itself is not the focus, not what's important," she says with the tolerant patience of someone answering a particularly dense four-year-old.

But, given that her dances are pared down to nothing but movement and music, then surely the steps must be important? "*How* we do them is more important than *what* they are," she says.

That "how" is uncompromising, unemotional, even formal. There are no smiles, no big dramas. Men and women are treated as equals and each is a cog in her overall pattern. As a result the partnering that takes place is one of geometric relationships, rather than of physical contact.

This is not the easiest and certainly far from the steamiest of dance styles. Childs is unlikely to appeal to the sorts of audiences that flock to the Bolshoi, and her distinctly rigorous approach to art can leave even knowledgeable members of the audience wondering if that is all there is.

In fact, Childs is such a committed minimalist that before her first collaboration with Glass (she choreographed and then toured the world in his and Robert Wilson's 1976 opera *Einstein on the Beach*), she had elected to stage all her dances in silence.

Arlene Croce of *The New Yorker* has described Childs's work as a "Morse code of footpaths laid out with Euclidean austerity". Although the comment was meant to be pejorative, it is also an accurate description of Childs's starting point. Repetition is a key element of Childs's choreography. Her work is definitely not designed for the impatient. Her dances are like a Rubick's Cube: you have to slip the patterns into alignment, and a lot of people don't want to bother looking at art that way. Many prefer to be shown what to feel, but no piece of her choreography will ever set out to wring our heartstrings.

"We — that is me, myself and I — don't claim to have any control over the audience's reactions," she says. "And, yes, we are deliberately leaving the story untold. I think dance, in and of itself, can be a profound experience, particularly if you let yourself respond to events."

The point is not the apparent narrowness of the seam she is mining, but the riches she has found buried within its depths. Some will never be convinced. Still, those who claim Childs is an empress without clothes are those who cannot appreciate the beauty of bones bleached bare, of art honed to essentials.

● *Lucinda Childs Dance Company, Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank Centre (071-928 8800), from tonight to Thursday as part of Dance Umbrella*

MICHAEL POWELL



"The movement in and of itself is not the focus, not what's important," says Lucinda Childs of her approach to choreography. "*How* we do the movements is more important than *what* they are"

JAZZ

Free, but close to priceless

LIKE a number of her British contemporaries — Tina May (for whom she was filling in at this free lunchtime gig), Ian Shaw and Christine Tobin spring immediately to mind — the singer Claire Martin, having grown up in the 1970s, is as familar with that decade's popular song writers as she is with the work of the conventional jazz standards writers.

Consequently, both her live performances and her recordings generally feature an appealing and lively mix of the more recherché songs of Rodgers and Hart, Irving Berlin or Noël Coward with the odd Joni Mitchell song thrown in.

On this occasion, however, Martin was firmly in standards mode, beginning her first set with two Cole Porter songs, "Get Out Of Town" and the evergreen "Love For Sale". The former, generally delivered Ella Fitzgerald-fashion as a slow, mournful plaint bemoaning the singer's vulnerability, was subtly altered by Martin's wistful but confident mid-tempo delivery into a rather more assertive statement, so that the song's title line became a true imperative rather than an ambivalent request.

"Love For Sale", on the other hand, firmly resisted Martin's game attempt to personalise it, remaining sour and deeply problematic as always, despite an attractive arrangement employing just a dash of Latin lightness.

Claire Martin
Festival Hall Foyer

This slightly false note aside, though, Martin — tastefully backed by pianist Dave Newton, bassist Arnie Somogyi and drummer Mark Taylor — spent the rest of the performance proving just how superb an interpreter of lyrics she has become in her ten-year career. Two songs in particular stood out: "I Was Telling Him About You" and Leiber and Stoller's "Some Cats". The former is a plaintive torch song purporting to explain away to a lover an apparently intimate dance with another man by means of the title's assertion, and Martin imbued it with all the melancholy yearning its lyrics demand. But — and this is the mark of a top-class singer — she also managed to convey the essential ambiguity of the situation.

The latter is a highly explicit paean of praise to a certain sort of virility, but Martin somehow managed to deliver it without a hint either of coyness or salaciousness.

Such subtlety and sensitivity are rare indeed these days, but, along with these qualities Martin also possesses great technical gifts: perfect control (beautifully demonstrated on Bob Dorough's tricky "Devil May Care"), great rhythmic awareness, enabling her to inject just the right amount of power into a slow burning song like "I Thought About You", and a superb dramatic sense. Many singers would have coasted through a routine gig like this; Martin's professionalism enabled her to perform as if playing Carnegie Hall.

CHRIS PARKER

Lennon on loan

ORIGINAL handwritten lyrics to classic Beatles songs, including "In My Life" and "Lucy In The Sky With Diamonds", were among John Lennon memorabilia on display in New York on Thursday, when his widow Yoko Ono announced her decision to present artefacts and costumes to the proposed new Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Fame and Museum. The green military-style uniform worn by Lennon on the cover of *Sgt Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band*, and the Rickenbacker 325 guitar that he used during the Beatles 1965 concert at the Shea Stadium, New York, were also among the collection handed over to the museum, which is designed by the architect I.M. Pei and due to open in Cleveland, Ohio next September.

The collection will go to the Hall Of Fame on a renewable loan. There had previously been speculation that a museum solely dedicated to the memory of Lennon, murdered outside his Manhattan apartment in 1980, might open in New York. At the presentation ceremony Ono described the idea as "not a practical consideration".

A number of Lennon's school report cards will also be going to Cleveland, along with lithographs and the "The Daily Howl", a journal he created during his school days. They will join a collection of more than 100,000 objects belonging to performers ranging from James Brown to Buddy Holly and Sting.

● AFTER his reverential screen biography of Malcolm X, Spike Lee is turning his attention to another symbol of black America. This time it is the baseball star Jackie Robinson, the first black player to appear in the all-white Major league. Lee plans to release the film in 1997, to mark the 50th anniversary of Robinson's debut with the Brooklyn Dodgers.



Dolores O'Riordan, voice and focal point of the Cranberries

ROCK: Dolores O'Riordan's star outshines the rest of the Cranberries

Woman of the momentous

Cranberries
Shepherds Bush Empire

DRESSED in a white tutu, white tights and silver, knee-length platform boots, singer Dolores O'Riordan was carried on to the stage, ballerina-style, by the rest of the Cranberries. Her incongruous choice of costume and the flamboyant entrance produced lots of smiles, but as this surprisingly brief performance unfolded — barely an hour including encores — there was no mistaking the subservient role in which drummer Feargal Lawler and the Hogan brothers (guitarist Noel and bass player Mike) were cast.

Like her fellow Irishwoman, Sinéad O'Connor — whose much-praised album *Universal Mother* has been effortlessly outsold in just one week by the Cranberries' second album *No Need To Argue* — O'Riordan's personality is a mixture of the querulous and the imperious. Towards the end of the gig she expressed surprise at what she perceived to be the subdued response of the audience. No sooner had her remarks prompted a thunderstorm of applause than she demanded "complete and utter silence" while she negotiated a version of "No Need To Argue" accompanied only by her own acoustic guitar.

Such confidence in her pre-eminent place in the scheme of things was reflected in the intensely personal lyrics of songs such as "Dreaming My Dreams" and "Ode To My Family", both of which proceeded with a delicate, wistful lilt and conjured a sentimental mood just the right side of cloying. "Linger", the group's breakthrough hit and one of several lightly sketched, indie-pop songs, was dispatched early on.

However, her vinegar-flavoured voice was better showcased on numbers with a more sinewy inflection. "Wanted", "Ridiculous Thoughts" and "Waltzing Back" were all undertaken at a much fiercer clip than on the recorded versions, with O'Riordan's soaring and swooping vocal mannerisms sounding at times like a Celtic approximation of yodelling.

Best of all were the two songs with the most overt "messages": "The Icicle Melts" is an affecting lament about the abduction of Jamie Bulger, and the current hit, "Zombie", deplores the terrorist deeds of the IRA and is probably the most unequivocal condemnation of that organisation ever made by any rock act, Irish or otherwise.

DAVID SINCLAIR

OPERA: **Rodney Milnes** revels in a *Eugene Onegin* that travels extremely well, and a *Euryanthe* that transcends criticism entirely

A home winner triumphs away

Eugene Onegin
Glyndebourne

THE undisputed success at Glyndebourne last summer, Graham Vick's production of *Eugene Onegin* has been carefully re-directed for the touring company by Caroline Sharman: the loving detail and eloquent visual cross-references are faithfully reproduced. The lighting is marginally simplified for touring purposes, but the staging's emotional impact, which is considerable, remains undimmed.

There were some who secretly hoped that touring exigencies would mean the dropping of the elaborate, would-be satirical dance sequence in the St Petersburg scene, which belongs to a quite different — and less good — production, but, for what it is worth (not much), it is there intact.

The Glyndebourne Touring Opera orchestra produced a good, meaty romantic sound (outstanding first horn, rather over-insistent oboe) for the company's musical director, Ivor Bolton, who, after a slightly tense, four-square first act, relaxed into a properly flowing, nostalgic account of a score that, however often you hear it — which is very often, nowadays — goes straight to the heart. The chorus was first-rate and, as with the best GTO offerings, the difference in musical standards between summer festival and autumn tour is pretty marginal.

The same may be said of the singing. The French tenor Christian Papis (Lensky) is certainly on the same level as his festival counterpart, with ideally clean, poised singing, and Geoffrey Moses's Gremin is well up to summer standard. Yvonne Burnett's bubbly, almost too vivacious Olga, Yvonne Howard's game Mme Larina, and Susan Gorton's gently earthy Nanny may not be able to compete vocally with their more seasoned predecessors, but all are plainly performing to just better than their best capability, which is what GTO's long and intensive period of preparation is all about.

John Fryatt is a slight comedown from the festival M Triquet (also Fryatt), though: his wristwork has grown a little fancy over the months.

Susan Chilcott's body-language as Tatyana is just as affecting as the unforgettable Elena Prokhina's: the set of her shoulders, the way she hangs her head in misery, are infinitely touching. She has a radiant, secure top to her voice that sails effortlessly over the orchestra in the Letter Scene; if her lower register does not, as yet, project quite as consistently, hers is a very complete and true overall interpretation.

Robert Hayward is Onegin and his lusty baritone is thrilling in the last act. In the earlier scenes, though, he sings a little too consistently loudly — you do not feel his voice has a conversational mode, and more light and shade would be welcome.

But he too has expressive body language: his traumatised walkdown after the duel, echoed in St Petersburg — the start and the end of a long journey — spoke volumes.

DONALD COOPER



Robert Hayward lets his body do the talking as Onegin

WEBER'S "grand heroic-romantic" opera will never be quite the same again after Sunday's shattering concert performance by the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment under Mark Elder, given within the framework of the South Bank's Deutsche Romantik project.

In the past even its most fervent admirers have felt compelled to make excuses for *Euryanthe* — but not any more. In a performance as incandescent as this, vastly exaggerated objections to the libretto — its cause not helped here by a significant error in the programme synopsis — pale into irrelevance.

The music itself never fails to astonish: you have to keep reminding yourself that it was written in 1823, a mere 30 years after the *Flute*, while much of it sounds like the Wagner of *Tristan* and *Parsifal*. Indeed, the amount Wagner learnt or, if you are feeling less charitable, stole from *Euryanthe* is prodigious, and, in matters of dramatic technique, orchestration and melodic invention Weber makes much of the pre-*Rheingold* Wagner sound like a fumbling amateur.

The evening's success stemmed mainly from the OAE's playing: period instruments make a crucial difference simply in the matter of colour. The pungency and delicacy of Weber's characteristic writing for wind-band emerged with layers of homogenous varnish stripped away. The purling flutes in the opening chorus, the doleful bassoon in Euryanthe's prayer, the rasping brass when the heroine is falsely accused, the sense of release from the horns triumphantly braying in the last act — all made you listen with new ears.

The sweet string sound made the ghost music — *tremolando* violas clearly audible — ever more poignant, and the absence of chin-rests encouraged, if not necessitated, the sweetest of *portamentos* in the big tune of the overture.

Wagner before Wagner

Euryanthe
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The performance was as strongly cast as it needs to be. Elizabeth Connell was in marvellous form as the villainess, her silver-trumpety tone steady as a rock, even her concert demeanour exuding malevolence (she can make a dramatic statement out of turning the page of a score).

But the vocal sensation was the American soprano Christine Brewer in the title role. Her tone is sumptuous, a pot of double cream set in a velvet muff, her technique faultless and her use of *portamento* in the true sense, the joining-up of notes into phrases, is eloquent beyond words.

The American tenor Jon Garrison sang Adolar cleanly, honestly and musically — which is saying a lot, as it is a devil of a role. Stepping in at the last moment, Nicholas Folwell found not only the decibels and the energy but also a finely spun legato for the villain Lysiart. The New Company Chamber Choir, trained by Harry Bicket, sang with ringing tone in crystal-clear German.

No praise could be too great for Elder's fiercely dramatic conducting. At a single blow he and the OAE have rescued a masterpiece of romantic opera from wholly undeserved oblivion.

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Thrown in a foreign jail

As Britons are detained abroad for months, even years, without trial, Stephen Jakobi offers a solution to a worsening problem

Western Europeans take their liberties for granted. They assume they will not be arrested for a crime they have not committed. If they are, they also assume that the coincidence, mistaken identity or other misfortune that causes honest police errors will be put right by a court hearing at the earliest opportunity.

If they are of good character, they expect to be given their liberty in the meantime, unless the charge is grave and there is reasonable supporting evidence. Of course, they know that in some countries the police arrest strangers with little or no evidence and toss them into jail for months, even years, before the case will be considered. These countries are, of course, comfortably far away: in Africa, Asia or the Middle East.

It may shock many to learn that this sequence of events is routine if one is in any other country except one's own. Once arrested, a person is lucky to get bail even on a comparatively trivial offence such as possession of a small amount of counterfeit money or soft drugs if one is a Briton in France — or, for that matter, a French citizen in Britain.

The injustices suffered by lorry-drivers overseas such as Ron Clarke in Spain and John Harrower in France have caused much public concern. For self-employed drivers, detention, especially if prolonged, adds bankruptcy to their miseries. The UK can make little claim to superiority. An Irish-national lorry-driver was arrested at Dover in 1993 with drugs in his load and was held in custody until his trial in March. He was acquitted. A Dutch driver was involved in a similar case last year.

Patricia and Michael Cahill are well-known in the West Country, where they have owned and run a prosperous hotel for many years. A middle-aged couple, they were considering retiring to Spain and leaving the hotel to be run by their children. They flew to Spain in February. Mr Cahill hoped to make some income from his experience as a trader in heavy machinery. While there, he had a meeting with a contact who showed interest in the business. The contact was under surveillance by the Spanish police, who observed the meeting. Days later, the contact and the Cahills were arrested for alleged possession of drugs. Mr Cahill has been refused bail and has now been in a Spanish prison, with deteriorating health, for seven months. No trial date has been set. Mrs Cahill was granted conditional bail after some months in custody and must remain in Spain.

Josephine Conn is a 64-year-old grandmother from Brighton, of blameless reputation, with a serious epileptic problem. She has been in a French jail for 19 months awaiting a trial date. Mrs Conn was a passenger in a car carrying concealed drugs. The vehicle driver confessed that he knew what was going on and that the Englishwoman was being used as a cover. Everyone else arrested in France in connection with this operation, including other drivers and passengers, is now either on bail or outside France.

Colin Salt and Trevor Bailey of Stoke-on-Trent were arrested while holidaying in Spain in April after trying to change a small amount of forged currency. Both were in good jobs but after their four months of jail, their employers, unable to hold the jobs open, hired people in their place.

Another victim of the counterfeit-money trick is Paul Morris, a young mechanic from Scotland who was arrested in France while on holiday in January 1992. He was held in prison without trial, together with a friend, until May 1993. Meanwhile, he had lost his home, job and female partner.

These are just examples — all of whom protest their innocence — but new permutations of justice systems, offence and nationality of offender are presented almost on a daily basis. Without up-to-date statistics, the extent of the problem can only be estimated.

We know that there are about 25,000 persons held in European Union jails on remand at any one time who are foreigners to the jurisdiction that is holding them. Most of these must be Union citizens so perhaps as many as 10,000 of them would not be in jail if they were natives.

The magistrates of Europe are not monsters and they have a real dilemma when considering the local version of bail for the foreign accused. The interests of justice require that reasonable steps be taken to ensure the presence of the accused at trial. If the accused returns to his native country, there is no satisfactory way of bringing him to court if he refuses. Extradition is slow, costly and not universally available for comparatively minor crimes.

Europe must achieve a situation where national barriers do not exist within the Union for the purposes of fugitives after they have been arrested. European governments should agree for extradition formalities to be waived on production of a certificate that a citizen has been released on bail after arrest and has not returned to the foreign court after notification of a hearing. The local police would then make arrangements with the foreign police for arrest of the fugitive and dispatch to the country concerned.

This first stage of international agreement will cater for the cases of affluent individuals of fixed address, but discriminate against the poorer and more mobile until there has been a more general agreement for the harmonisation and enforcement of bail conditions. Even the most superficial examination of differing laws on conditional bail discloses vast difference in national systems. Though there appears no technical difficulty in some common conditions, such as reporting to local police or residing at a fixed address, others differ in practice from country to country.

The case is strong for creating a European Union Commission for the harmonisation of justice, rather on the lines of our own Law Commission, which would report to appropriate Union institutions on the need for legislation. Perhaps a start could be made by amending Article 8 of the Treaty of Maastricht — which deals with citizenship — when it is revised in 1996, to declare that discrimination between citizens for the purposes of judicial liberty shall be unlawful. The provision of appropriate machinery along the lines suggested could either be included or dealt with separately. Justice should be the first common currency.

● *The author chairs Fair Trials International (081-332 2800).*



John Harrower, the English lorry-driver being held in France on drugs charges

When the price is not right

Are solicitors charging too much and pricing themselves out of the market? This question is not often asked in a profession renowned for complaining about low pay. Some lawyers are underpaid. The disposable income of many legal-aid specialists makes all but the most dedicated look for more remunerative work. The average male solicitor's income of £32,427, and the woman's average of £23,887 are hardly excessive.

The problem lies in the overheads that have to be incurred in order to earn even a modest living. The increases have been inexorable.

In the early 1980s each solicitor's compulsory annual contribution to the compensation fund for the victims of solicitor fraud was £30. In 1991 it was £385 and this year it is £1,000. Despite having no claims, company bills for professional expenses and insurance have increased by 36.8 per cent in the past year. Larger firms have experienced similar increases. The cost of protecting the public against dishonesty and negligence has never been so high.

Similarly, demands from the Legal Aid Board and from the Law Society for higher standards of work from solicitors have increased overheads. The economics of mass production do not necessarily apply to professional work where an increased volume of work at a higher standard does not mean lower overheads. Conveyancing has become the lawyers' equivalent of the paper industry's manufacture of photocopying paper — a cheap staple product provided by everyone but at minimal profit. Confronted by limited legal fees and little room for increase in conveyancing fees, the solicitors' reaction has been to pay close attention to increasing fees on all other types of work. Hand in hand with this has been a tendency in some quarters to record a lot of time spent on a file. This need not be fictitious — just unnecessary routine work. I recently inherited a matrimonial file where £900 had been charged by someone who professed to be a specialist family lawyer. Despite the size of the bill, at no time had the client received any advice. An impressive number of letters had been written, but no useful work had been finished.

In that case, at least, *some* work was done. This does not always happen. According to a Welsh solicitor's legal-aid claims, he worked a 25-hour day for 365 days of the year. An American lawyer managed to bill 59 hours in one day. An English solicitor charged eight hours for attending a client's daughter's wedding.

The hourly rates charged are high. City lawyers charge for commercial work at up to £400 per hour. The average rate outside London is £90 per hour. Even rural firms such as mine find that we have to charge £75 per hour for partners doing private client work if we still want to be in business at the end of the year.

There are signs that clients are becoming resistant to these fee levels. American-style legal auditors have come to Britain. Stuart Maue Mitchell & James has opened an office to service UK clients dissatisfied with bills from American lawyers. In a separate development, Allied Legal Auditors has set up in business at Clifford's Inn.

The *Law Society Gazette* has reported that legal auditing cuts an average of 30 per cent off American lawyers' bills and that reductions of 20 per cent are thought to be achievable in Britain.

Many private clients are hard-pressed to pay private legal fees in the first place, let alone fees for legal auditors. Where can they turn for help? The Citizens Advice Bureaux are excellent on debt and welfare benefits but are ill-equipped to advise on complex legal matters. Only the most intelligent and tenacious people can effectively conduct cases themselves as litigants in person.

There has, however, always been a fringe world of quasi lawyers, such as claims assessors, who make claims on insurance companies for a percentage of the claim. In recent years they have been joined by people who will conduct industrial tribunal cases for a percentage of the eventual award. However, there is no guarantee of legal expertise, and firms such as Independent Legal Practitioners, which operate on a "no-win no-fee" basis, make it clear that they handle only cases which have a good chance of success.



PATRICK STEVENS

In legal work, as with everything else, you get what you pay for. Other substantial professions have spawned sub-professions. Architects are undercut by architectural technicians. Chartered accountants complain about unqualified opposition, and doctors wince when their intractable patients say they get relief only from an osteopath.

It is a tribute to the solicitors' profession that until now it has been such a broad church that few openings have been given to rivals. This is unlikely to continue, and the appearance of the first claims assessor in the High Court is awaited with interest — especially if he tries to wear a wig.

● *The author is a practising solicitor.*

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Old Spanish customs

AN Algeciras newspaper published this photograph of Philip Clarke's alleged haul when he was arrested in February, *writes Stephen Jakobi*. The Spanish police had added a pistol, a huge quantity of ammunition and a large knife to the cannabis and English currency. Clarke, 19, of Rhyl, North Wales, was charged only with a drugs offence — no charge was made concerning weapons. A Euro-bail system would have enabled him to avoid eight months in a foreign jail before acquittal this month.

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LAWYERS can be fired with as little ceremony as bankers. So 37 of the 66 lawyers at Ernst & Young's New York legal department discovered when they got a weekend call to attend work on the Monday, a Bank Holiday.

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Ernst & Young dismissed a total of 240 staff from the department that day.

Duty of hair care

SIGNS of fresh areas of litigation: hair damage and post-traumatic stress disorders are two sections included in the second edition (Blackstone Press) of guidelines on damages from the Judicial Studies Board. It suggests damages for hair damage cases might be in the range of £1,750 to £5,000.

Face facts

ADVICE for women lawyers who think the scrubbed look is the way forward. Mary Spillane, a grooming guru with CMB Image Consultants, says that women who wear make-up get paid more and promoted more often.

She also has little time for firms which ban trouser suits. She told the *Law Society Gazette*: "I wonder how the senior partner would feel at the end of the day if he had to wear a tight skirt, tights and high heels."

Let alone his partners.

Fresh paint

MICHAEL Crystal QC's commercial set of chambers at 3/4 South Square, Gray's Inn, has joined forces with a London art gallery, Purdy Hicks, to promote the work of young artists.

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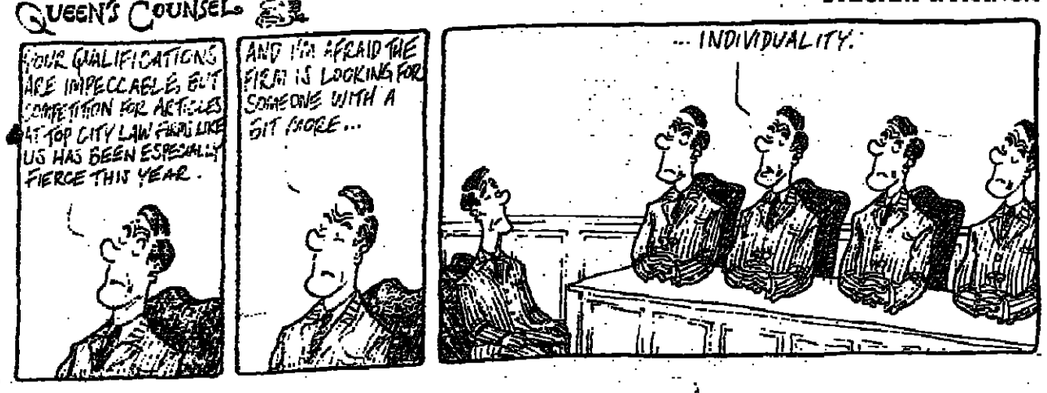
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'I'm going to lose it all'

Fiona Bawdon on the trauma of a solicitor who faced police questioning

When the Criminal Justice Bill — due for its third reading tomorrow — becomes law next year, a suspect's refusal to answer questions in the police station could be held against him in court. Silence may be equated with guilt. Critics of the change say it will penalise those who have an innocent explanation, but don't want to — or can't — give it straight away and that they will come under pressure to answer questions immediately which really need a considered response.

Roy Morgan is a solicitor who already knows how fierce that pressure can be. Last summer, he found himself at a police interview being questioned under the Police and Criminal Evidence Act. If he did not agree to the interview, he would be arrested, the police told him. Only many months later was he officially told that no charges would be brought. He says: "I had more than ten years as a criminal-law solicitor and have given advice at police stations hundreds of times, yet I am amazed how nervous I felt during the interview."

The police accused him of assisting a suspect, who had kicked his way out of an interview room at Cardiff Magistrates' Court, while Mr Morgan was discussing with him the bail application being made on the man's behalf.

Because the man subsequently caught was a client at the time he escaped, Mr Morgan was worried about potential breaches of client confidentiality in any statement he gave police. "I told them five or six times in my first interview that I would like to answer their questions but that it would involve my considering what I could and couldn't disclose. I felt I couldn't do that on the spot." This was not a position with which the police seemed sympathetic. "They accused me of not answering their questions," he says.

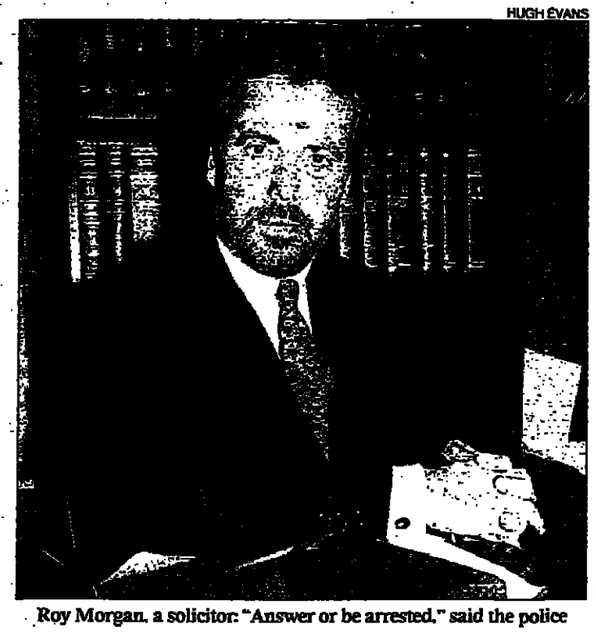
Mr Morgan was also unhappy that the police would not tell him initially why they suspected he had assisted the escape. "It was a situation that was crying out for a no-comment interview, but I didn't want to exercise my right to silence. I was anxious this would end up in court and worried about the impact on a jury of a solicitor not being able to account for his actions."

Dr Gisli Gudjonsson, a reader in forensic psychology at the Institute of Psychiatry, says difficulties such as these will be routine with the new police caution that accompanies the Bill. "It will cause many legal battles because you are dealing with not just having to make a decision about whether you should speak or not, but about the consequences of not speaking," he says.

Dr Gudjonsson is particularly concerned about the pressure this will put on vulnerable people. But Mr Morgan's experience and that of other legal advisers suggests that even those who should be able to look after themselves can find a police interview a frightening ordeal. A solicitor's clerk, arrested for attempting to pervert the course of justice during the course of his work, said afterwards: "It was the most traumatic experience of my life. I will never again trust a police officer."

In Mr Morgan's case, he says his "whole reasoning went". Although in his head he knew the police didn't have a case, in his heart it was a different story. "Everything flashes through your mind. I was convinced they had already made the decision to charge me if they could. I thought, 'I'm going to lose everything — my practice, my reputation, my home'."

HUGH EVANS



Roy Morgan, a solicitor: "Answer or be arrested," said the police

Despite having a solicitor present, and despite later winning Law Society backing for his stance, Mr Morgan still felt under enormous pressure to give the police the information they wanted. "Once or twice, I nearly gave in and said: 'I'll tell you everything that happened'."

Instead, he held out and offered to supply a written statement later, after taking further advice on what he was able to disclose without breaching his client confidentiality. Mr Morgan spent the weekend compiling his account, discussing it with lawyer friends, mugging up on professional ethics, referring to office files to remind himself of the events that had happened three months earlier. "But I still got a date wrong," he says.

If even after all that preparation, it is still easy to get things wrong, what hope, Mr Morgan asks, for someone who has to give the police an instant, off-the-cuff explanation for his actions?

His experience has heightened concerns about the additional pressures the Criminal Justice Bill will put on clients. Greater safeguards are needed, he says. "If the Act is going to give more impact to what's said or not said at an early stage, the prosecution should also be forced to speak and disclose their evidence at an early stage."

Roger Ede, the secretary of the Law Society's criminal law committee, agrees. "How can a suspect raise a defence in the police station if the police haven't told him of what he has been accused? If there is to be more disclosure by the defence, there should be equal disclosure by the prosecution."

An emphasis on people is raising professional standards

Until recently, a law firm would never have provided a candidate for the top human-resources job in the City. But partners at Cameron Markby Hewitt are said to be "chuffed" at the news that Roy Lecky-Thompson, their personnel director, will take up a similar post at the Bank of England next month.

Almost singlehanded, Mr Lecky-Thompson has changed the agenda for City practices in the development of their only real resource: people. CMH was the first City firm to win a national training award followed, this year, by being the first City firm to achieve the Investor in People standard.

Because this is Investors in People week, Mr Lecky-Thompson is going to be on the road along with other IiP "crusaders", such as Lord Sheppard, of Grand Met, and Sir Anthony Cleaver, of AEA Technology, persuading other law firms to get on the Investors trail.

As the recent Law Society conference showed, interest in the IiP standard is growing. An impressive presentation by John Miles, Lightfoot in Oxfordshire showed how, in the past five years, the firm had been able to treble its turnover — with no increase in partners — as a result of applying the IiP technique. What is more, the disciplines adopted by the firm also meant that it was almost three-quarters of the way towards satisfying the demands of its legal-aid franchise.

"The IiP process guarantees that people are trained properly for the job and that the work is done at the right level in the firm," Mr Miles says. "It should mean that the client is not being charged partners' time for work which could be done by an assistant or, come to that, a legal executive."

Now that the IiP bandwagon is rolling, perhaps its biggest coup was achieved in Birmingham where, last week, the local training and enterprise council (TEC), which runs the IiP programme, announced that it had created a consortium of the city's five top firms, which would strive to reach the IiP standard together.



Members of five rival Birmingham firms in tune with Sir Simon Rattle, City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra music director

Edge and Ellison, Eversheds, Wragge and Co, Martineau Johnson and Shakespeares have been persuaded to pool their resources and to co-operate in achieving the standard.

David Draycott, the TEC's IiP consultant, says: "Although these firms are in competition with each other, it is in their interests to establish Birmingham as the leading legal centre outside London."

Wragge is also a member of the Norton Rose M5 group, and Alistair Roberts, the director of training and recruitment for the group, has indicated his strong support for the initiative. He says: "I'll be keeping a very close eye on how it develops to see what lessons can be transferred to the group as a whole."

Advocates of the standard say that its significance now extends beyond being an endorsement of training, but should be positively sought by clients when they are selecting their legal advisers.

"IiP provides an external audit of the steps which firms are taking to ensure their people are competent," Mr Miles says.

Another brake on crooks

LawNet, the national federation of more than 70 independent practices, has developed its own quality standard, consisting of elements drawn from both IiP and ISO 9000, the international quality mark. The intention is that all its member firms should achieve it in the near future. And as Simon Maddox, the chief executive, emphasised, the LawNet standard, along with Investors and ISO 9000, could provide one of the few serious brakes on fraud in the profession.

"If a firm has reached these standards," he says, "it must be well managed and operating systematic procedures. That in itself should act as a deterrent to the crooked solicitor."

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Venturing into Vietnam

LOVELL White Durrant has opened an office in Ho Chi Minh City — the latest sign of law firms' stampede to Asia. LWD is already in Hong Kong, Tokyo and Peking, so the new office is a natural extension. The firm has developed links with Vietlaw Limited, the first new private law firm in Vietnam since 1975. Two of its 15 lawyers will be permanently seconded to LWD.

Divorce merger

SEVERAL top divorce lawyers are now under the same roof with the merger of the London and Oxford commercial firm Manches & Co and Gray's Inn firm, Rubinstein Callingham Polden & Gale. The new firm, expected to have a turnover of £15 million, brings together strong teams in commercial and property, and divorce: Richard Sax of Rubinsteins will now be working alongside Jane Simpson and Helen Ward of Manches.

Take a chair

TWO new chairs are announced. Clifford Chance is funding a professorship of European law at Oxford University, incorporating directorship of the new centre for the Advanced Study of European Comparative Law. And Sweet & Maxwell, the publishing company, is sponsoring the first chair of advocacy and civil litigation at Nottingham law school's Centre of Advanced Litigation. Eversheds, the law firm, is also sponsoring a three-year research fellowship in environmental law and practice at the law school.

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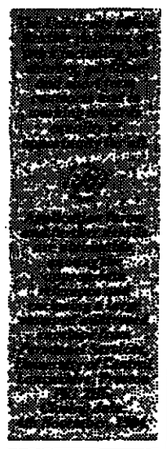
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Basque country players will come to battle



Rob Hughes discovers in Athletic Bilbao, Newcastle's Uefa Cup opponents, a team that relies entirely on home-grown talent

If ever an English football club were to go the whole way down the route of autonomy, nurturing and picking its side exclusively from local talent, it would be Newcastle United. It may sound a far-fetched vision, even at the rate that Kevin Keegan has been spending money repatriating Geordies such as Beardsley, Kitson and Venison. And yet the opposition at St James' Park tonight in the first leg of the second round of the Uefa Cup competition is a side that totally bars foreigners.

Athletic Club de Bilbao, formed by the British in 1898 and still clinging to the word athletic rather than the Spanish version, employs only players native to the Basque region. Indeed its exclusion of foreigners extends specifically to Spaniards. For Athletic Bilbao is the acceptable force of Basque separatism, the sporting means by which a region attempts to put to the sword its opponents from within the same land mass.

Revert, for a moment, to Tyneside. There Sir John Hall, the chairman whose fortune saved Newcastle, has recently acquired 300 acres to turn into a training ground and sports science academy. The ultimate aim of that would be to make a profit instead of a loss on the buying and selling, to garner for Newcastle United the greater of all those talented players who grow up in Wallsend and other parts, and who then escape, like Gascoigne and others, elsewhere.

There are already, with Beardsley, Kitson and Venison, another four local players vying for places in Keegan's team — Howey, Clark, Watson and Elliott. Two of them, the newly-fit Clark and the energetic Watson, are in competition for the midfield role of Robert Lee, whose groin injury definitely keeps him out of the game tonight. With Kitson ineligible, Newcastle will be working until the last moment on the hamstring injuries that kept Peacock and Hottiger out of the team at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

But Andy Cole, though his lack of day-to-day training may now be seen to have dulled his cutting edge, is assured of a place if he wants one. Cole, who was 23 on Saturday, has run into what for him is a veritable drought: two matches without a goal. He has never, in 20 months at Newcastle, suffered three scoreless games, and has amassed 65 goals from 71 appearances. He has also broken the barrier, not of a foreigner, but of being the first black cult figure on Tyneside: they are offering commemorative prints of Cole, at £85 if you choose the Italian wood with gold-trimmed frame.

This would be anathema to Bilbao, the visitors. It is not that they have colour prejudice, more that anyone who wears their colours has to be born and weaned in their own Basque football hotbed. And this even at a time when seven first-choice players, including the local equivalent of Beardsley, 20-year-old Julen Guerrero, are injured. All were unavailable for the Bilbao team that travelled to Seville last Saturday, and which, in typically obdurate, none-shall-pass defiance, came away with a 0-0 draw.

Two statistics from that match tell the story. There were nine corners, all of them to Sevilla. There were five yellow cards, four of them to the stubborn reserves who have stepped into a Bilbao team that stands in mid-table in the Spanish premier division, having scored just five goals in seven games.

English by name, they are English by nature. Rather than the Latin deception, they play with pace, aggression, strength and competitive running. Englishmen who have passed through this port, most recently Howard Kendall, as foreign managers encouraged to hold the reigns of the team strategy, have found that the best way to coach Bilbao is to remember the word *athletic*.

However, even Bilbao, riven by injuries, sense that they are no match for the £20 million team built on Tyneside. Their new coach, Javier Irureta, would settle for something less threatening to his livelihood, than almost happened in the first round. His team travelled to Cyprus to the little known Anorthosis, lost 2-0, and only overturned that deficit with the very last kick of the return leg in Bilbao.

So when the lights go on at St James' tonight, the visitors who bring a trace of our own missionary history, will run and run to prevent the free-wheeling, free-scoring start that Keegan's players achieved in Europe. That is why Keegan says of Cole: "As long as he wants to play, I will select him. He can do things others cannot do when they are 100 per cent fit." Things such as stealing a goal like a magpie when the opposition is encamped in its own area.

Confident Higgins in the pink

JOHN Higgins, who parted company with his management group last week, again showed that off-table upheavals have not had an adverse affect on his snooker form by beating James Wattana, of Thailand, 5-3 in the last 16 of the Skoda Grand Prix at Derby yesterday.

Higgins, 19, from Motherwell, who eliminated Steve Davis in the first round of the Dubai Classic this month, showed plenty of confidence as he secured a quarter-final meeting with Ronnie O'Sullivan.

Late decision

Rugby league: Paul Newlove, the Bradford Northern centre, has until Friday night, if necessary, to prove he is fit for the Great Britain team to play Australia in the first international on Saturday, following knee ligament damage. He has not played or trained for ten days.

Quick dash

Tennis: Conchita Martinez, the Wimbledon champion, is to open her challenge for the Brighton title today. The replacement for the injured Steffi Graf, she has an early start in the first round so that she can attend the wedding of her coach in Switzerland.

Leading way

Ice hockey: Nottingham Panthers, Sheffield Steelers and Edinburgh Racers, semi-finalists in the Benson and Hedges Cup, have started their British League campaigns in fine style and should be in the van for the rest of the season.

Speaking role

Badminton: Gillian Clark will start her new role as a commentator for the Star television company after making a record number of England appearances and retiring during the six-match series against China, which starts at the Sands Centre, Carlisle today. She shares the record of 147 caps with Steve Baddeley.

Tense victory

Real tennis: Mike McMurrugh and Martin Fairbarns survived a tense second set against John Ward and Sam Leigh to win the British Land national over 40s doubles title at Petworth.

£2m handout

Athletics: British athletics received a £2 million boost yesterday when McDonald's extended its sponsorship for another two years. The fast-food restaurant chain will back Britain's indoor international against Russia, in Birmingham on January 28, and the end-of-season meeting at Crystal Palace, on August 27.

Anna Batty

Equestrianism: Anna Batty, 21, from Wyton, near Hull, died after falling while competing in the novice class at the Bishop Burton Horse Trials in North Humberside on Sunday. Her death is the fifth in the sport in 18 months.

Villa prepare with caution on fresh sortie into Europe

FROM PETER BALL IN TRABZON, TURKEY

ASTON Villa took a step, or rather a 4½-hour flight, into the unknown yesterday for their Uefa Cup second-round first-leg tie against Trabzon Spor on the shores of the Black Sea today. When they arrived the scene became familiar, at least for English teams travelling to Turkey these days.

"You will die, there is no way out," one banner, held up by a welcoming committee of a hundred or so chanting Turkish supporters at Trabzon's airport, warned. Others read: "Aston Villa, welcome to hell"; and "welcome to deep hell". It seemed good humoured enough, and Ron Atkinson, the Aston Villa manager, was determinedly upbeat.

"Everybody is talking about it being a trip to hell, but I'm not," he insisted. Hell it might not be but, even by Turkish standards, local supporters have a reputation for volatility and if Atkinson is not talking about it as a trip beyond the pale, Villa are treating it with the caution of a trip to the furthest reaches of European football.

"In terms of logistics, we are taking our own chef, loads of pasta, fruit, water and toilet rolls. It will be a different kind of daunting atmosphere to Milan and we've got to prepare ourselves for facing the worst," Atkinson said.

The crowd, including some who carry guns, in the Avni Aker Stadium here has a fierce reputation. Two years ago the ground was closed, not for the first time, when there was a pitch invasion after a rare home defeat. The visitors, Fenerbahce, had to remain locked in their dressing-room for two hours afterwards for their temerity, while the referee disguised himself as a paramedic to make his escape.

Not surprisingly, the number of foreign teams to have won here are even fewer, Liverpool and, more recently, Barcelona being among those to have been defeated in an away leg. It will be difficult for Villa, who will need all the professionalism they showed against Internazionale in the first round, and then some. "I've never played in Turkey and I don't know what we're going to find, hype or hell," Kevin Richardson, the Villa captain, said yesterday.

If Trabzon Spor are an unknown quantity to Villa, the English team are perplexing. Their victories over Manchester United in the Coca-Cola Cup final and Internazionale were of the highest quality. Their form in the FA Carling Premiership tells another story.

Wembley, San Siro and a packed Villa Park inspire them. Will a hostile crowd here, but unrecognised opponents, also lift them? Their response may determine the outcome. So, too, could Andy Townsend, whose form since joining Villa has mirrored that of the team. At his best he is one of the outstanding midfield players in Europe, and his fitness will decide the shape of the Villa team today.

If he plays, he and Houghton will be the assimilated players, with McGrath, Staunton and Saunders taking the three berths for "foreign players". That would mean no place for Bosnich, the goalkeeper blamed by Atkinson for Norwich City's goal on Saturday, with Spink replacing him.

Duncan Ferguson, the Rangers forward on loan to Everton, will return to Scotland next week. Ferguson is due to appear in court at Glasgow on Tuesday on an alleged head-butt charge. Everton will field him at Crystal Palace on Saturday.

MARTIN BEDDALL



The England coach is surrounded by youngsters from around the country at the launch of a scheme to provide football kit for schools

Venables recalls his happy back-street days

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IT HAD been a bad weekend for Terry Venables, the England coach. More grumblings in the national press over his players' performances in the 1-1 draw against Romania; more allegations about the solvency, or otherwise, of Scribes West, his Kensington club. Yesterday, he sought solace by going back to his roots and reminiscing awhile about his childhood days in Dagenham.

Venables was at Highbury for the launch of Snickers Teamwork '95, a £3 million scheme that rewards the eating of vast quantities of chocolate bars — by the players of youth and schools' football teams and their teachers, parents and friends — with free football kit and equipment. The more bars consumed, and the more wrappers sent off to Snickers HQ, the more shirts, shorts and socks for the Paul Gascoignes of tomorrow.

"The younger end of the football structure is so often forgotten and it shouldn't be," Venables said. "I've been through the process, and have been very lucky, but it is important that we help out the youth clubs and schools as much as possible. We've got to get big business involved and this form of sponsorship is a great step forward."

Venables is the only player to have represented England at every level, from under-15 upwards. He grew up in an age when tutors gave their free time willingly to organise matches and fund-raising activities, expensive designer kit was not *de rigueur* and mass kick-abouts were staged any time, any place. He laments its passing. "We played in the streets," Venables recalled. "There was no danger for the kids, no cars and no worries about staying out until it was dark. I never had a football myself but the wealthier kids did and we were just grateful to join in. They were 20-a-side games with no coloured shirts — I don't know how we knew who was on whose side — and we put jackets on the ground to act as goalposts."

On returning to modern-day reality, Venables felt that the number of games played by youngsters should be cut. The stresses caused by pot-hunting managers and pushy parents should be eased, too. "We have got to be more aware of these problems," he said. "Kids want to win as a matter of course. It is natural and should be encouraged. What we don't need is all the pressure from the touchlines."

The England Under-15 side, whose results provide a barometer to how schools' football is progressing, won all eight international matches last season. The new intake meet the boys from Brazil at Wembley on March 11 and if they fancy a full set of new strip for their 16-strong squad, they will need to get chewing. They have to save 7,000 wrappers.

FOR THE RECORD

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Leopards 91 (Youngblood 30, Polti 18), Thames Valley 85 (Scantlebury 23, Bucknall 21, Holley 18). 7-UP TROPHY: Doncaster 98 (Jones 29, Joseph 25), Sunderland 73 (Hopper 23, Kirkham 16).

BOWLS

GUERNSEY: Indoor international: Scotland 15 Guernsey 7. Singles: Peacock bt Quenpel 7-2, 7-4, 7-6, Marshall bt Nicolle 2-7, 7-2, 7-4, 7-1; Mur lost to Ingrouille 6-7, 6-7, 2-7; Blair beat Welch 7-3, 7-3, 7-6, Corse lost to Mellor 4-7, 7-3, 3-7, 7-0, 6-7; Galloway bt Mollet 4-7, 7-2, 3-7, 7-5, 7-5 Pairs: Mutr and Blair bt Quenpel and Mellor 20-19, Galloway and Corse bt Ingrouille and Welch 21-20; Peacock and Marshall drew with Mollet and Nicolle 18-18. Triples (Scotland names first): W Galloway, J Mutr and R Corsie bt N Mollet, P Ingrouille and M Nicolle 18-12; D Peacock, A Marshall and A Blair lost to J Quenpel, K Mellor and A Welch 12-20

CRICKET

FARIDABAD (one-day international, West Indies won toss): West Indies beat India by 98 runs

WEST INDIES

P V Simmons c Mongia b Chauhan	76
S C Williams c Kumble b Srinath	61
B C Lara c Azharuddin b Kumble	10
C L Hooper not out	61
K L T Arthurton hit wicket b Srinath	39
A C Cummins c Badeade b Srinath	0
J C Adams not out	1
Extras (b 6, lb 12, w 5, nb 2)	25
Total (5 wkts)	273

S Chanderpaul, K C G Benjamin, *C A Walsh and did not bat C E Cuffy.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-132, 2-148, 3-164, 4-254, 5-254.

BOWLING: Prabhakar 10-1-45-0; Srinath 10-2-42-3, Kapil Dev 5-0-37-0; Kumble 10-0-54-1; Tendulkar 5-0-32-0; Chauhan 10-1-45-1

INDIA

M Prabhakar b Walsh	3
S R Tendulkar c Lara b Walsh	0
N S Sidhu c Cummins b Benjamin	52
*M Azharuddin c Lara b Cuffy	1
V G Kambli c Adams b Cuffy	5
A C Badeade c Adams b Benjamin	52
Kapil Dev c Walsh b Simmons	12
†N R Mongia not out	15
A Kumble c Simmons b Hooper	4
R K Chauhan c Adams b Arthurton	20
J Srinath c Simmons b Hooper	0
Extras (lb 2, nb 9)	13
Total (45 overs)	177

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-2, 2-5, 3-12, 4-21, 5-117, 6-123, 7-135, 8-149, 9-176

BOWLING: Walsh 5-0-11-2; Cuffy 7-2-19-2; Cummins 7-0-27-0; Benjamin 8-0-48-2; Simmons 10-1-39-1, Hooper 6-0-23-2; Arthurton 2-0-9-1.

FOOTBALL

CORRECTED RESULT: FA Umbro Trophy: Runcorn Borough 1 Ashton United 2.

ARGENTINE LEAGUE: Velez 4 Huracan 1; Belgrano 1 Racing Club 1; Independiente 4 Gimnasia de Jujuy 0; Argentinos Juniors 0 Newell's Old Boys 0; Rosario Central 0 Deportivo Español 1; San Lorenzo 3 River Plate 3; Ferro 1 Banfield 4, Gimnasia de la Plata 1 Mandiyu 1; Boca 3 Talleres 2.

BRAZILIAN LEAGUE: Second stage: Group E: Corinthians 2 Vasco da Gama 1, Flumminense 1 Guarani 2; Gremio 1 Internacional 1 Group F: Bahia 1 Palmeiras 1, Botafogo 1 Flamengo 0; Para 2 São Paulo 2; Santos 2 Sport Recife 2; São Paulo 1 Botafogo 0 Relegation play-off: Atletico Mineiro 1 Bragantino 1, Nautico 2 Cruzeiro 0; Uniao São Joao 1 Criciuma 1

WOMEN'S FA CUP: Second round: Huddersfield Town 16 Barnsley 0, Haslingden 0 Bronte 5, Wigan 2 Bradford City 0; Preston Rangers 5 Middlesbrough 2; Oaklands Rangers 1 Radcliffe Borough 7; Oldham Athletic 5 Blackburn Rovers 1, South Shields 0 Manchester Belle Vue 11, Sheffield Hallam United 2 Cowgate Kestrels 6; Newsham 3 St. Helens/Gerrswood 4; Tranmere Rovers 8 Cleveland 0; Warrington Town 3 Manchester United 4; Leek Town 1 Nottingham Argyle 4, Bedford Bells 0 Sheffield Wednesday 2; Highfield Rangers 2 Solihull Borough 3 (aet), Chesterfield 2 Villa Aztecs 5; Nettleham 1 Kidderminster Harriers 5; Notts County 7 Derby County 0, Brighton and Hove Albion 14 Reading 0; St. Georges 1 Surbiton Town 2; Colchester Royals 3 Pagham 1; Whitehawk 7 OPR 0; Harlow Town 2 Watford 0; Berkhamstead and Hemel 9 Epsom and Ewell 1; Reading Royals 2 Langford 4; Leyton Orient 25 Slough Town 0; Town and Country 2 Chasley Mavericks 0; Lambeth 1 Binfield 0 (aet), Collier Row 0 Enfield 2; Crowborough Athletic 0 Wimbledon 7; Mill Hill United 0 Horsham 1; Fulham 2 Ipswich Town 5; Maidstone Tigresses 2 Charlton 1, Brentford 6 Famborough 3, Inter Cardiff 2 Plymouth Pilgrims 4; Swindon Town 2 Southampton 1, Portsmouth 2 Newbury 3, Worcester City 4 Frome 3; Gosport Borough 1 Bristol City 8; Swindon Town Spitfires 3 Truro City 4 (aet); Torquay United 4 Eastleigh 1; Stockport County 1 Calverton Mw 2; Clevedon Town 0 Oxford United 9.

GOLF

SAN ANTONIO: Men's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 265: B Estes 62, 65, 68, 70. 268: G Morgan 68, 68, 65, 67 267: D Pooley 69, 65, 65, 68. 270: B Lietzke 68, 69, 64, 69 271: M McNulty (Zim) 70, 65, 67, 69; C Stadler 68, 66, 69, 68; J Wilson 66, 68, 67, 70 272: B Crenshaw 70, 69, 68, 65, B McCallister 70, 65, 72, 65; M O'Meara 70, 69, 67, 66; D Pruitt 70, 68, 67 67; B Bryant 66, 67, 70, 69; J Anderson 67, 64, 70, 71, B Burns 65, 69, 68, 70 273: D Ogrin 70, 69, 65, 69; J Lecnard 67, 69, 68, 69, J Furyk 70, 67, 67, 69, F Couples 67, 69, 68, 69; J Inman 66, 69, 68, 70, B Kamm 65, 67, 68, 73. Other score: 287: D Feherty (GB) 68, 71, 74, 74

NAPLES, Florida: Women's tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 274: E Daniel 69, 70, 71, 65. 277: E Crosby 70, 66, 69, 72. 279: L Davies (GB) 68, 73, 67, 71 280: L Neumann (Swe) 71, 67, 72, 70; D Mochne 67, 69, 73, 71. 282: H Alfredsson (Swe) 71, 72, 68, 71. 283: D Andrews 69, 71, 73, 70; S Steinhauer 67, 71, 75, 70; M Nause 73, 67, 72, 71. 284: V Skinner 69, 69, 75, 71.

RANCHO MURIETA, California: Seniors' tournament: Final scores (US unless stated): 208: R Murphy 69, 71, 68 (won in play-off), D Eichelberger 68, 69, 71, 210: J C Snead 71, 75, 63, J Albus 69, 72, 69; 212: L Gilbert 69, 74, 69, R Charles (NZ) 71, 72, 69; A Geiberger 72, 69, 71 213: G Player (SA) 72, 71, 70.

ICE HOCKEY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Bracknell 3 Basingstoke 11, Durham 4 Fife 6; Edinburgh 2 Sheffield 5; Humberside 16 Milton Keynes 7; Peterborough 10 Cardiff 1; Whitley 5 Nottingham 10. First division: Guildford 7 Paisley 7; Lee Valley 4 Teesside 5; Medway 12 Dumfries 5; Romford 1 Swindon 9; Slough 12 Telford 6; Solihull 3 Chelmsford 3; Trafford 6 Blackburn 6.

REAL TENNIS

NEWCASTLE: Jesmond Dene Centenary doubles championship: Semi-finals: C Wood and T Parker bt B Pugh and M Semmence 6-4; E Wood and R Christmas bt F Such and C Griffith-Jones 6-4. Final: Wood and Parker bt Wood and Christmas 6-7.

PETWORTH: British Land national over-40s doubles championship: Final: M McMurrugh and M Fairbarns bt J Ward and S Leigh 6-2, 6-5

RUGBY UNION

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Ellesmere Coll, Shropshire 5 Wrekin 27; Yarm 20 Duchess HS 10.

SHOOTING

BISLEY: Trafalgar Trophy (300, 600, 900 and 1,000 yds): 1, R Mannes TRC 1,861.169 (A Wood 190.22); 2, R Navy TRC 1,856.162 (M Ayling 197.17.

SNOOKER

DERBY: Skoda Grand Prix: Third round: A Hicks (Eng) bt E Henderson (Scot) 5-3; R O'Sullivan (Eng) bt K Doherty (Ire) 5-3; J Higgins (Scot) bt J Wattana (Thai) 5-3.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Eastbourne 62 Arena Essex 34. Knockout Cup: Final, first leg: Edinburgh 50 Glasgow 48. Second leg: Glasgow 55 Edinburgh 41 (Glasgow win 101-91 on agg)

TABLE TENNIS

NÎMES: World team cup: Men: Final: China 3 Sweden 1 (China names first: L Guotiang bt P Karlsson 21-17, 21-18; D Song lost to J Persson 18-21, 17-21; L Zhigang bt M Appelgren 13-21, 21-16, 22-20; Liu bt Persson 23-21, 17-21, 21-17). Women: Final: Russia 3 Germany 1 (Russia names first: E Timina lost to J Schopp 17-21, 19-21; I Palina bt N Struse 20-22, 21-13, 21-19; G Meinik bt C Fischer 21-10, 21-10; Palina bt Schopp 20-22, 21-18, 21-18).

TENNIS

BRIGHTON: Women's tournament: Second qualifying round: E Manokova (Russ) bt C Cretsa (Rom) 7-5, 7-5; P Winzenhöller (Ger) bt E Callans (Bel) 6-4, 6-4; M A Vento (Ven) bt C Kuhlman (US) 6-4, 6-0. Final qualifying round: E Lekhovtseva (Kaz) bt P Begerow (Ger) 6-4, 6-1; B Schett (Austria) bt E Manlikova (Russ) 7-6, 6-1; J Kruger (SA) bt P Kamstra (Hol) 6-3, 6-2; M Vento (Ven) bt Winzenhöller (Ger) 6-1, 6-3.

VAUXHALL INDOOR TROPHY: Men: Third round: Barnard Castle 9 Topsoft Darlington 0; FIFS Hallamshire Sheffield w/o Matchpoint Bramhall scr; Upper Armley, Leeds 0 Ilkley 3; Long Road Cambridge 2 Repton School 4; Watchorn Alleron 0 Edgbaston Priory 3; Batchwood St Albans 3 Connaught 0; Puma Goeling w/o Ealing scr; David Lloyd Heston 1 Rochampton 2; BBC 1 Opts Lane Woking 2; Telford Park Streatham 2 Oakleigh Park 1; Crawley 1 Maidstone 2; Parkfarmley Bromley 0 Sutton Junior 3; Surrey Country Club w/o Deal scr; Centrocourt Basingstoke 2 Match Point Southampton 1; David Lloyd Eastbourne 2 Pavilion and Avenue Hove 1; Windmill Hill 2 West Herts Bournemouth 1.

VOLLEYBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Women: First division: Leeds 0 Britannia Music City 3; Wessex 0 London Mallory 3; Birmingham 1 Ashcombe Guildford 3.

YACHTING

BOC CHALLENGE: Leading positions (at 08.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Cape Town): Class 1: 1, Ecureuil Poitou-Charente 2, Alcatel, Fr] 1,448m; 2, Vendée Entreprises (J van Blaricom, Needs, Fr) 2,239; 3, Ben Vio (J Provoyeur, SA) 2,368; 4, Sceta Celbaroan (C Auguin, Fr) 2,501; 5, Hunter's Child (S Pettengill, US) 2,570; 6, Coyote (D Scully, US) 2,769; 7, Gartmore Investment Managers (J Hall, GB) 3,048; 8, Thursday's Child (A Taylor, US) 3,398. Class 2: 1, Kodak (G Soldini, It) 2,498; 2, True Blue (D Adams, Aus) 2,864; 3, Newcastle Australia (A Nebauer, Aus) 3,101; 4, Jimoda II (N Vaughan, GB) 3,210; 5, Sky Catcher (N Rowe, GB) 3,400; 6, Shuten-Dohji II (M Saito, Japan) 3,462; 7, Town of Cervia (S Blanchetti, It) 3,828; 8, Cornwall (R Davis, GB) 3,842.

POOLS FORECAST

Coupon No, fixture, forecast

Saturday October 22 unless stated

FA PREMIERSHIP

1 A Villa v Nott'm F	2
2 Leeds v Leicester	V
3 Liverpool v Wimbledon	1
4 Man City v Tottenham	1
5 Newcastle v Sheff Wed	1
6 Norwich v QPR	X

Not on coupons: Arsenal v Coventry City (Sunday), Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United (Sunday), Chelsea v Ipswich Town (Sunday); Crystal Palace v Everton, West Ham United v Southampton

FIRST DIVISION

7 Barnsley v West Brom	1
8 Charlton v Burnley	1
9 Grimsby v Bristol C	1
10 Port Vale v Bolton	2
11 Reading v Sunderl'd	X
12 Sheff Utd v Luton	2
13 Swindon v Southend	X
14 Watford v Tranmere	2

Not on coupons: Notts County v Derby County (Sunday), Oldham Athletic v Stoke City ; Portsmouth v Middlesbrough (Sunday); Wolverhampton Wanderers v Millwall

SECOND DIVISION

15 Blackpool v Swansea	1
16 Bourn'm'th v Bradford	1
17 Brentford v Birm'ham	X
18 Bristol R v Brighton	2
19 Cardiff v Cambridge	1
20 Crewe v Hudd'field	X
21 Peterboro v Wycombe	1
22 Rotherh'm v Leyton O	X
23 Shrewsbury v Hull	2
24 Stockport v Plymouth	1
25 Wrexham v Oxford	2
26 York v Chester	1

THIRD DIVISION

27 Bury v Gillingham	1
28 Carlisle v Barnet	1
29 Chest'fld v Fulham	2
30 Colchester v Preston	1
31 Darlington v Hereford	X
32 Exeter v Scunthorpe	2
33 Hartlepool v Walsall	2
34 Lincoln v Scarboro	1
35 Mansfield v Doncaster	X
36 North'pton v Wigan	1
37 Torquay v Rochdale	1

VAUXHALL CONFERENCE

38 Kid'minstar v Bath	1
39 Woking v Runcorn	1

SCOTTISH PREMIER

40 Celtic v Falkirk	1
41 Hearts v Aberdeen	1
42 Kilmarnock v Partick	1
43 Motherwell v Rangers	X

Not on coupons: Dundee United v Hibernian

SCOTTISH FIRST

44 Dunf'mline v Airdrie	1
45 Hamilton v Ayr	1
46 St Johnst'ne v Raith	1
47 St Mirren v Dundee	2
48 Stranraer v Clydeb'k	2

SCOTTISH SECOND

49 Berwick v G Morton	1
50 Clyde v Stenh'muir	X
51 D'barton v Q of South	X
52 East Fife v Stirling	X
53 Meadowb'k v Brechin	1

SCOTTISH THIRD

54 Alloa v Albion	1
55 Arbroath v Caledonian	1
56 E Stirling v Montrose	X
57 Forfar v Queen's Pk	1
58 Ross v Cowdenb'th	2

TREBLE CHANCE (home teams) Norwich, Reading, Swindon, Brentford, Crewe, Rotherham, Darlington, Mansfield, Kilmarnock, Motherwell, Dumbarton, East Stirling.

BEST DRAWS: Swindon, Brentford, Crewe, Darlington, Mansfield.

AWAYS: Bolton, Luton, Fulham, Scunthorpe, Walsall

HOMES: Manchester City, Grimsby, Blackpool, Cardiff, Colchester, Lincoln, Northampton, Kidderminster, Hearts, St Johnstone, Arbroath, Forfar.

FIXED ODDS: Homes: Manchester City, Blackpool, Colchester, Lincoln, Northampton. Aways: Luton, Scunthorpe, Walsall. Draws: Brentford, Crewe, Mansfield.

☐ Vince Wright

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated

Uefa Cup

Second round, first leg

Newcastle v Athletic Bilbao (8.05)

Trabzonspor v Aston Villa (6.0)

Endsleigh Insurance League

First division

West Brom v Sheff Utd (7.45)

Auto Windscreens Shield

Northern section

Carlisle v Hartlepool

Huddersfield v York

Rotherham v Chesterfield

Wrexham v Mansfield

Rochdale v Wigan

Chester v Bury

Southern section

Plymouth v Exeter (7.45)

Torquay v Swansea

Leyton Orient v Fulham (7.45)

Cambridge Utd v Northampton (7.45)

Birmingham v Walsall (7.45)

Anglo-Italian Cup

International stage

Group B

Udinese v Middlesbrough (8.30)

Vauxhall Conference

Kidderminster v Merthyr (7.45)

B & Q Cup

Semi-finals

Airdrie v Clydebank

(Broadwood Stadium, Cumbernauld)

Dunfermline v Dundee

(East End Park, Dunfermline)

DIADORA LEAGUE: Premier division: Bromley v Hendon. First division: Staines Town v Worthing. Second division: Thame United v Hampton, Windsor and Eton v Chalfont St Peter

ESSEX SENIOR LEAGUE: Premier division: Stansted v Romford

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Buxton v Boston United; Chorley v Morecambe, Frickley v Whitley Bay; Knowsley v Witton; Matlock v Winsford. First division: Farsley Celtic v Blyth Spartans, Fleetwood v Bamber Bridge, Mossley v Atherton LR, Netherfield v Gt Harwood Town, Workington v Warrington Town. Challenge Cup: First round replay: Lancaster City v Gretna.

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES CUP: Second round, first leg: Aber Utd v Inter Cardiff, Connah's Quay v Conwy, Llansantffraid v Mold; Penrhmadog v Holywell; Rhyl v Bangor City.

PONTINS LEAGUE: First division (7.0). Everton v Leeds. Second division: Sheffield Wednesday v Barnsley.

AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol City v Southampton; Crystal Palace v West Ham (2.0)

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chippenham Town v Odd Down; Elmore v Taunton Town.

ENGLISH SCHOOLS TROPHY: Second round: East Cornwall v Yeovil (at Saltash FC, 6.30).

RUGBY UNION

Club matches

Glamorgan Wndrs v Penarth (7.15)

Rossiyn Park v Cambridge Univ (7.30)

South Wales Police v Swansea (7.15)

Wasps v Oxford Univ (7.15)

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: England v China (Carlisle).

SNOOKER: Skoda Grand Prix (Derby).

SPEEDWAY: International: England v United States (Poole).

TABLE TENNIS: European women's league: England v Sweden (Milton Keynes).

TENNIS: International women's championship (Brighton).

Answers from page 43

IDEATUM

(c) Concerned with ideas as opposed to reality, also *ideate*, a word of philosophers' jargon. Berkeley, 1708: "The distinction between Idea and Ideatum I cannot otherwise conceive than by making one the effect or consequence of Dream, riverie, Imagination, the other of sense & the Constant laws of Nature."

LIMBURGER

(a) A soft, strong-smelling cheese made in the province of *Limburg* in Belgium, a' toponym. "Strong cheeses like Limburger and Liederkranz are not for cocktail-parties because after an hour or so at warm temperatures they will all but clear the room."

NANDI

(c) In Hindu mythology, the name of the bull of Siva which is his *vahan* or vehicle, and symbolises fertility; also a figure or statue of Nandi. From Sanskrit "the happy one": "The majestic Nandi, the conventional vehicle of Lord Siva in front of the sanctum in the forecourt."

HAMEL

(a) A wether, Afrikaans from the Dutch *hamel*, German *hammel*, a castrated ram: "Would your father have let me die rather than take a hamel from the flock of a rich, lazy boer, who never counts his sheep?"

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1, Rh8+! (this is more accurate than 1, Rxf8+ Kxf8) 1. . . . Kxh8; 2, Rxf8+! Rxf8; 3, Qh5+ Kg8; 4, Qh7 mate.

Hills confident Juyush will be worthy opponent for highly-regarded juvenile

Celtic Swing dominates Doncaster entries

By Julian Muscat

AFTER an unusually quiet summer, the pecking order among juvenile colts has been drastically revised in double-quick time. Celtic Swing rang the changes with his victory at Ascot ten days ago, and following the emergence of Pennekamp at Newmarket last week, the former has the stage to himself in the Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday.

Trained by Lady Herries at Littlehampton in west Sussex, Celtic Swing faces a maximum of ten opponents over the stiff mile at Town Moor. This represents his first serious test, although the bookmakers, in installing him the odds-on favourite, have clearly taken to heart his record-breaking Ascot exploits. The son of Damister is a best-priced 11-10 on with William Hills.

The participation of Montjoy hinges on a satisfactory gallop this morning at the Whatcombe base of his trainer, Paul Cole. Also engaged is Montjoy's stablemate, Precede, who has the easier option of a group race entry in Milan. But should Montjoy accompany the likes of Juyush, Don Corleone and Annus Mirabilis to post, Celtic Swing will have to be every bit as good as he looked in lesser company at Ascot to maintain his unbeaten record.

One cannot overstate the gulf between a conditions race and a group one contest like the Racing Post Trophy. Over the years, Barry Hills, who trains Juyush, has seen many of his own candidates overwhelmed by the steep rise in class, and he talked enthusiastically yesterday about Juyush's chances of usurping Celtic Swing.

On his last two outings, Juyush has followed Eltish home at a distance of 1½ lengths, most recently in group two company at Ascot last month, when the health of Hills's string was open to question. Now the trainer believes his charge capable of improvement.

"That race at Ascot came ten days too soon," Hills explained. "My horse had had two months off and I didn't have a clear path in trying to bring him to full fitness. He is now ready, and everything at Doncaster looks made to measure."

Hills was also pleased with the work undertaken yesterday by Bolas, his Irish Oaks winner, who will join the field for the Breeders' Cup Turf in Kentucky on November 5. "Pat Eddery rode her in some work with Torch Rouge at Manton and she looked in good shape," he related.

These are exciting times for Hills, who travels from Doncaster to Longchamp on Sunday to saddle his St Leger hero, Moonax, in the Prix Royal-Oak. And before joining Bolas at Churchill Downs, where his Torch Rouge, ridden by Willie Carson, contests the $100,000 Riverside Handicap on November 4, Hills will have moved part of his string into his newly-erected, 106-box Faringdon Place stables in Lambourn, complete with privately-owned gallops.

Roger Charlton, the trainer of Don Corleone, could not match Hills's optimism about his colt's chance on Saturday. "I calculate Don Corleone would have to improve by between ten and 15lb to win the race," Charlton said. "It may be beyond him, but it would still be a worthwhile exercise to finish in the first four."

Corals bet 5-4 on Celtic Swing, 6-1 Juyush and Montjoy, 7-1 Don Corleone, 8-1 Annus Mirabilis, 14-1 Indian Light, 20-1 Fahal, 25-1 Precede and 66-1 Fill The Bill. Ewar Imperial is the rank outsider at 150-1.

Fill The Bill, trained in Ireland by John McLoughlin, is expected to take his chance, even though he is best on testing ground. His participation will serve as a marker to the merit of Burden Of Proof; the latter earned a 2,000 Guineas quote of 16-1 from Hills after his six-length defeat of Fill The Bill at the Curragh on Saturday.

White Muzzle, sent off the 11-10 favourite for the Rothmans International at Woodbine, Canada, on Sunday night, finished last of the nine runners as Raintrap, trained by André Fabre, swept to a decisive victory. Urgent Request fared better, collecting in excess of £15,000 for finishing fifth. A spokesperson at Peter Chapple-Hyam's stables reported White Muzzle none the worse for his exertions, although his attempt on the Breeders' Cup Turf must now be in doubt.

☐ Tony Clark, who rode Captain's Guest to win the Tote Cesarewitch at Newmarket on Saturday, was suspended for four days (October 26-29 inclusive) for careless riding on Misty Silks, runner-up in the Gamston Handicap at Nottingham yesterday.



ALAN JOHNSON

Celtic Swing puts his growing reputation to a stern examination in the group one Racing Post Trophy at Doncaster on Saturday

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: STATAJACK
(2.00 Chepstow)
Next best: Exemption
(5.00 Chepstow)

Japan takes solo course in effort to stage 2002 World Cup

David Miller looks at the prospects for two Asian rivals bidding for football's premier event

Japan, bidding for the World Cup finals of 2002, will vigorously resist the intended proposal by the Asian Football Confederation — to be recommended to the world governing body, Fifa — for it to jointly stage the tournament with South Korea, at present the only opposition, and its arch-sporting rival on all fronts.

"We would never agree to it," Saburo Kawabuchi, chairman of the new professional J-League and a vice-president of the Japanese Football Association (JFA), stated at the Asian Games football final at the weekend. "There are too many difficulties," Kawabuchi said. "With different currencies, with television, and not least where the final would be played."

Ken Naganuma, the JFA president, is equally trenchant. "We prefer to campaign independently, and we accept the risk of the possibility of being beaten," he said. With 15 Japanese cities already applying to stage matches, and the J-League, now in its second season, a huge commercial success, Japan is the clear favourite. Hiroshima's superb new stadium — "The Big Arch" — has strengthened Japan's arm.

It has, too, the support of João Havelange, the president of Fifa, who has long wished to embrace the Japanese sponsorship market. But Havelange, in his final term as president, no longer holds the same sway over the 20-strong executive committee, which will make the decision in 1996.

The Asian Confederation's view, articulated by Peter Velappan, the general secretary, is that Japan and South Korea should consider jointly saving £60 million that it will cost them bidding against each other, and thereby guarantee Asia's first World Cup tournament at the start of the 21st century. If not, Velappan argued, a possible third candidate might slip through in a divided vote. With the finals being increased to 32 teams, and only eight countries in the world having the infrastructure, joint staging may eventually become a necessity.

Japan faces several difficulties, apart from the public-relations disadvantage of South Korea having qualified for the past two World Cup finals and, additionally, having just beaten Japan in the Asian Games quarter-finals. The Japanese traditionally have something of a problem administratively: they underperform in the international corridors of sporting power.

The South Koreans are better at that game. People have not forgotten how Seoul, the rank *outsider, outmanoeuvred* Nagoya for the 1988 Olympics.

My own view is that while Japan's reluctance to consider sharing the prize is understandable, the mood within Fifa can radically alter over the next 12 months. Countries from Africa and central and south America sense the opportunity for them to get the foot in the door as potential hosts in the event of neighbour countries becoming acceptable. Indeed, Europe would welcome the idea for such pairings as Holland-Belgium, Austria-Switzerland, and Hungary-Czech Republic.

Japan will need to play its cards carefully in judging the mood before deciding on its best course.

PLUMPTON

THUNDERER

2.15 Doctor-J. 2.45 Philip's Woody. 3.15 Jovial Man. 3.45 Paper Star. 4.15 Nuns Cone. 4.45 Green Lane.

GOING: FIRM (GOOD TO FIRM IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND (EASTBOURNE BRANCH) SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,912: 2m 1f) (13 runners)

1 3511 FAWLEY FLYER 6 (D,F,G) W G M Turner 5-11-11 (6ex) R Dunwoody 95
2 10-P TAX THE DEVIL 32 (V,G,S) S Dow 6-11-10 A Dicken 90
3 0-44 MABTHUL 5 (B,F) R Juckes 6-11-8 M A Fitzgerald
4 S-30 RED INK 38 (B,F) J Jenkins 5-11-3 N Williamson 97
5 5-12 DOCTOR-J 22 (F) J White 4-11-2 A P McCoy (5) 94
6 R66- WEST END 188 W G M Turner 4-10-12 T Murphy (7) 93
7 4P-0 NORDEN 14 R Hodges 5-10-12 A Tory 85
8 P0-P SMART DAISY 10 (V) Mrs L Jewell 4-10-5 J Railton 80
9 -340 DO BE WARE 38 J Ffitch-Heyes 4-10-4 A Thornton 82
10 PPF/ DIDDLEY 635 P Howling 5-10-0 J R Kavanagh –
11 0P-0 WATERBEACH VILLAGE 24 J Jenkins 6-10-0 D Morris –
12 P-PF BEACHOLME BOY 22 (V) P Hedger 6-10-0 S Curran (5) –
13 PP-0 AMYS DELIGHT 19 A Chamberlain 6-10-0 B Powell –

9-4 Fawley Flyer, 5-1 Tax The Devil, 6-1 Doctor-J, 7-1 Mabthul, 8-1 Red Ink, 10-1 West End, 12-1 Norden, 16-1 others.

2.45 CLI CONNECT HANDICAP CHASE (£3,377: 2m 5f) (5)

1 315- SATIN NOIR 155 (D,F,G,S) S Woodman 10-11-10 M A Fitzgerald 91
2 3-11 PHILIP'S WOODY 12 (C,F,G,S) N Henderson 6-11-7 J R Kavanagh
3 -34U GALLANT EFFORT 22 (D,G,S) S Dow 6-11-4 R Dunwoody 98
4 -4U5 CONNA RAMBLER 10 (G,S) G Thorner 11-10-5 B Powell 80
5 353- VICTORY ANTHEM 141 (F,G) P Clarke 8-10-3 I Lawrence 97

4-5 Philip's Woody, 5-2 Satin Noir, 6-1 Victory Anthem, 8-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: J White, 38 winners from 126 runners, 30.2%; R Akehurst, 10 from 38, 26.3%; N Henderson, 5 from 19, 26.3%; G Harwood, 6 from 26, 23.1%; R Juckes, 5 from 24, 20.8%.

JOCKEYS: R Dunwoody, 27 from 110, 24.5%; M Perrett, 10 from 56, 17.9%; D O'Sullivan, 9 from 52, 17.3%; N Williamson, 5 from 31, 16.1%; B Clifford, 5 from 32, 15.6%.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Chepstow: 2.30 Billy Cruncheon, 3.00 John Barleycorn, 5.00 Village Eagle. Plumpton: 2.15 Smart Daisy, Mabthul

3.15 CAVENDISH HOTEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,553: 2m 4f) (10)

1 2055 GONE BY 3 (F,G) J Jenkins 6-11-10 C O'Dwyer –
2 221- ESPRIT DE FEMME 141 (F) D Browning 8-11-9 Peter Hobbs 89
3 3-3R AUSTHORPE SUNSET 3 (D,F,G,S) T Donnelly 10-11-3 Mr R Armson 91
4 180- WOLLBOLL 43F (S) P Makin 4-11-0 Richard Guest 98
5 4-55 JOVIAL MAN 13 (G,S) G Harwood 5-10-12 M Perrett 98
6 854- SAKIL 12F (CD,F) S Dow 6-10-8 A Dicken 91
7 35-0 SANTA PONSA BAY 10 (G) Mrs L Jewell 7-10-1 J Railton
8 UP0- LAVALIGHT 160 (F) R Hodges 7-10-0 R Dunwoody –
9 RFR- LEGAL WIN 199 (B,F) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 6-10-0 Mr G Shenkin (7) –
10 63-0 EMALLEN 10 Mrs L Jewell 6-10-0 I Lawrence 85

9-4 Esprit De Femme, 9-2 Gone By, Jovial Man, 5-1 Austhorpe Sunset, 8-1 Wollboll, Sakil, 12-1 Lavalight, 16-1 others.

3.45 SANDHURST HOTEL NOVICES CHASE (£2,536: 3m 1f 110yd) (7)

1 4365 CREWS CASTLE 11 (C,F,G) J Jenkins 7-11-8 N Williamson 80
2 P-13 PAPER STAR 21 (C,F) M Muggeridge 7-11-3 B Powell
3 2 MONKSFORT 10 N Henderson 8-11-2 M A Fitzgerald 75
4 20-4 NICK THE DREAMER 6 (F,G,S) W G M Turner 9-11-2 R Dunwoody 77
5 1220 OH SO HANDY 22 (F) R Curtis 6-11-2 D Morris 74
6 9/P0 URIQUARAT 13 (B,F) D Williams 8-11-2 A Thornton –
7 3P/2 WATERMEAD 17 (F) C Mann 9-11-2 J Railton 96

9-4 Watermead, 3-1 Nick The Dreamer, 4-1 Monksfort, 5-1 Crews Castle, 8-1 Paper Star, 10-1 Oh So Handy, 20-1 Uriquarat.

4.15 EBF MANOR PARK PRESS NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,280: 2m 1f) (6)

1 06- KINGFISHER BLUES 181 J White 6-11-0 B Clifford 94
2 0-56 NUNS CONE 13 R Dickin 6-11-0 D Meredith (3)
3 0P0 HONEST DAVE 22 B Pearce 4-10-13 J Neaves (7) –
4 00- DEPTFORD BELLE 164 R Curtis 4-10-8 D Morris –
5 44- WINNOW 211 J White 4-10-8 J Railton –
6 0-P WISBOROUGH GREEN 8 J Bridger 4-10-8 D O'Sullivan –

4-5 Nuns Cone, 5-2 Winnow, 9-2 Kingfisher Blues, 14-1 Wisborough Green, 16-1 Deptford Belle, 33-1 Honest Dave.

4.45 SAVE THE CHILDREN ANNIVERSARY NOVICES HURDLE (£1,622: 2m 4f) (7)

1 1 GREEN LANE 10 (G) R Akehurst 6-11-6 S Ryan (7)
2 040- GOLD GLEN 184 P Makin 6-11-0 Richard Guest 79
3 220- PERSIAN VIEW 75F K Bailey 4-10-13 N Williamson –
4 0 SIR EDWARD HENRY 12 Miss A Embiricos 4-10-13 N Mann –
5 P40- OLIVIPET 171 F Gray 5-10-9 M Crosse 50
6 P- JOYCE E JACKSON 20F R Ingram 4-10-8 B Johnson –
7 MAI-TU-TU 491F M Ryan 4-10-8 J Ryan –

1-3 Green Lane, 5-1 Persian View, 6-1 Gold Glen, 16-1 Olivipet, 25-1 others.

CHEPSTOW

THUNDERER

2.00 Statajack. 2.30 How's Yer Father. 3.00 Hoh. 3.30 KOMODO (nap). 4.00 Reprehend. 4.30 Aldaneh. 5.00 Exemption.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.00 KAYVEE.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.30 Gilt Throne. 4.30 WEB OF INTRIGUE (nap). 5.00 Seaward.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 — B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race) Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD DRAW: 6F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.00 ANNUAL FLAT v JUMP JOCKEYS CHALLENGE HURDLE HANDICAP (£2,202: 2m 110yd) (8 runners)

101 11103-2 ALLEGATION 17 (V,D,G) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 4-12-0 G Bradley 96
102 6/14450- STATAJACK 5F (B,D,G) (Mrs M Slade) D Elsworth 6-12-0 T Quinn (7) 92
103 12/53F-F ELITE REG 73 (BF,CD,F,G,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-11-11 C Llewellyn
104 2/43122- AAL EL AAL 222 (D,G,S) (Mrs C Hake) P Hobbs 7-10-13 G McCourt 97
105 21160-0 SOVEREIGN NICHE 14 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (Avalon Surfacing) M Pipe 6-10-7 J Osborne 94
106 0-131P2 ASTERIX 4 (F) (C Hunt) J Bradley 6-10-0 G Duffield (7) 91
107 406 CLASSIC IMAGE 7F (A White) M Pipe 4-10-0 R Cochrane (7) 84
108 POPP46- POLK 179 (D,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 5-10-0 A Clark (7) 75

Long handicap: Asterix 9-13, Classic Image 9-7, Polk 8-9.

BETTING: 9-4 Allegation, 5-2 Aal El Aal, 7-2 Statajack, 6-1 Elite Reg, 8-1 Asterix, 12-1 others.

1993: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

ALLEGATION 13l 2nd to Dark Den in handicap hurdle over course and distance (good to soft). *STATAJACK 16l 13th in County Handicap Hurdle* at Cheltenham (2m 1f, good) last March. AAL EL AAL 8l 3rd to Arabian Bold in Wincanton handicap hurdle (3m, good). SOVEREIGN NICHE 41l 7th to Nalysari in claiming hurdle at Newton Abbot (2m 1f, *good to soft). ASTERIX* ¾l 2nd to Gesnera in handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, firm).
Selection: ALLEGATION

2.30 RICHARD HOLDER HANDICAP (£4,080: 6f 16yd) (20 runners)

201 (12) 180003 SIR JOEY 10 (CD,F,S) (Mrs A Sims) P Murphy 5-10-0 S Drowne (5) 96
202 (19) 320654 PETERSFORD GIRL 7 (D,G) (T Peters) Miss J Doyle 4-9-10 V Halliday (7) 89
203 (16) 004000 HOW'S YER FATHER 10 (CD,F,G,S) (Unity Farm) R Hodges 8-9-10 R Cochrane
204 (2) 000504 BAROSSA VALLEY 22 (D,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-7 J Reid 98
205 (8) 240000 LEIGH CROFTER 10 (B,CD,F,G,S) (P Dimmock) P Cundell 5-9-6 W Newnes 93
206 (10) 206505 GILT THRONE 3 (D,F,G,S) (B Schmidt-Bodner) M Tompkins 7-9-5 S Mulvey (5) 96
207 (20) 346140 PURPLE FLING 10 (D,F,G) (Cheveley Park Stud) M Prescott 3-9-4 G Duffield 89
208 (6) 6U4611 KILDEE LAD 7 (C,D,F,G) (J O'Donovan) A Jones 4-9-4 (7ex) J Williams 98
209 (15) 131041 OARE SPARROW 25 (C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs H Keswick) P Walwyn 4-9-2 J Carroll 95
210 (17) 630212 JASDAN 10 (BF,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 3-9-2 A Clark 97
211 (13) 100020 RAMBOLD 52 (CD,F,G) (S Mason) T Jones 3-8-13 R Perham 98
212 (18) 00-2005 WALK THE BEAT 147 (D,F,S) (Country Life) R Simpson 4-8-11 A Tucker 87
213 (5) 560053 MR BERGERAC 7 (D,S) (P John) B Palling 3-8-9 T Sprake 96
214 (1) 123105 SLIVOVITZ 12 (V,D,F,G) (B Simpson) M Heaton-Ellis 4-8-8 Stephen Davies 94
215 (7) 0U0010 WINSOME WOOSTER 19 (D,G,S) (Miss A Rawding) P Murphy 3-8-7 D Harrison 95
216 (14) 410-000 CIRCLE OF FRIENDS 32 (D,G) (M Gates) N Twiston-Davies 3-8-5 T Quinn 87
217 (9) 202453 TINKER OSMASTON 50 (B,F) (U Liner Services) C Williams 3-8-4 J Quinn 95
218 (4) 000200 BILLY CRUNCHEON 15 (V,D,S) (T Painting) M Pipe 3-8-4 A McGlone 96
219 (11) 100031 LA PETITE FUSEE 20 (D,G,S) (B Powis) R O'Sullivan 3-8-3 M Hills 96
220 (3) 245034 THE OLD CHAPEL 12 (B,D,S) (D Allen) B McMahon 5-8-2 S Sanders (5) 94

BETTING: 6-1 Jasdan, 8-1 Sir Joey, Oare Sparrow, 10-1 Barossa Valley, Gilt Throne, 12-1 Kildee Lad, 14-1 others.

1993: LEIGH CROFTER 4-8-2 G Hind (14-1) P Cundell 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

SIR JOEY 2½l 3rd to Cape Merino in Ascot handicap (5f, good to firm). KILDEE LAD beat Heathyards Gem ½l in handicap here (5f, good). OARE SPARROW beat Palo Blanco 1¾l in Redcar handicap (6f, good). JASDAN neck 2nd to Halmanerror in York handicap (7f, good to soft). *MR BERGERAC 6l 3rd to Double Blue over* course and distance (good) with PETERSFORD GIRL (20lb worse off) 3½l 4th. WINSOME WOOSTER beat Robellion 3l in Bath handicap (5f 161yd, good) with KILDEE LAD (2lb worse off) 4½l 6th. LA PETITE FUSEE beat Letsbeonestaboutit 3l in Folkestone handicap (6f, good to soft)
Selection: OARE SPARROW

3.00 BAXI HEATING NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,396: 6f 16yd) (17 runners)

301 (1) 10 DIVINA MIA 47 (D,F) (D Deer) J Hills 9-7 M Hills
302 (15) 563 NORDMAN LASS 15 (Jadecliff Ltd) Miss J Doyle 9-4 B Doyle 84
303 (12) 451030 SINGING ROCK 21 (F) (G Shropshire) R Hannon 9-4 L Dettori 93
304 (17) 04502 HOH 36 (HOH Supply Ltd) P Cole 9-1 T Quinn 96
305 (7) 053300 ALMAPA 15 (P Slade) R Hodges 8-13 A McGlone 82
306 (8) 000012 RUNS IN THE FAMILY 12 (D,BF,S) (G Greenwood) P Murphy 8-12 S Drowne (5) 97
307 (9) 203305 FINAL SPOOF 101 (M Watson) M Channon 8-10 R Hughes 85
308 (10) 012000 MEDIATE 38 (F) (Mrs S Spencer-Phillips) R Hannon 8-9 J Reid 95
309 (6) 224000 RUPERT'S PRINCESS 12 (S) (F Sainsbury) M Heaton-Ellis 8-8 Stephen Davies 98
310 (2) 03100 TOM'S BIRTHDAY 13 (B,D,F) (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 8-6 W Woods 97
311 (14) 000006 JOHN BARLEYCORN 15 (B) (M Burwell) R Curtis 8-5 J Lowe 88
312 (11) 065 NEEDWOOD NEWT 17 (Needwood Racing Ltd) B McMahon 8-3 S Sanders (5) 86
313 (5) 253000 TUMBLEWEED CHAPEL 14 (B) B Meehan 8-2 D Harrison 87
314 (13) 046004 DON'T FORGET RUBY 19 (J Gatton) D Arbuthnot 7-12 J Quinn 97
315 (4) 300050 LAWNSWOOD LADY 13 (A Hill) R Hollinshead 7-12 N Carlisle 90
316 (18) 6605 PENT-HOUSE BABY 15 (B) (Mrs G Allen) J Spearing 7-10 N Adams 85
317 (3) 1060 HAVANA MISS 13 (CD,S) (T & D Price) B Palling 7-8 N Varley (5) 95

BETTING: 5-1 Hoh, 6-1 Runs In The Family, 7-1 Nordman Lass, 8-1 Divina Mia, 10-1 Singing Rock, 12-1 Final Spoof, Tom's Birthday, 14-1 Havana Miss, Mediate, 16-1 others.

1993: DANGEROUS SHADOW 8-10 Darren Moffatt (3-1 fav) Mrs M Reveley 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

DIVINA MIA beat Lynton Lad ¾l in 23-runner maiden-auction at Kempton (6f, good to firm) on penultimate start. NORDMAN LASS 2l 3rd of 10 to Moody in maiden-auction at Warwick (6f, soft), with JOHN BARLEYCORN (18lb better off) 7¾l 6th. SINGING ROCK 2¾l 3rd of 11 to Sumoquinn in Folkestone nursery (5f, good to soft) penultimate start with RUPERT'S PRINCESS (15lb better off) 9¾l 10th. HOH ½l 2nd of 20 to Al Liberty in Leicester nursery (6f, good). RUNS IN THE FAMILY neck 2nd of 14 to Sue's Dynamo in Haydock nursery (5f, soft) with RUPERT'S PRINCESS (10lb better off) 17l 13th. TOM'S BIRTHDAY best effort when beating Brettbarb 1½l in 13-runner Windsor seller (6f, *good to firm)*
Selection: RUNS IN THE FAMILY (nap)

3.30 PAT EDDERY 200-IN-A-SEASON MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,956: 1m 14yd) (18 runners)

401 (15) 24 BLUE HARLEQUIN 24 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0 J Reid 95
402 (7) BORN TO PLEASE (Pendley Optimists) P Harris 9-0 R Cochrane –
403 (10) 6 CAROL'S DREAM 28 (Mrs C Lane) J Hills 9-0 M Hills 77
404 (6) 05 DON'T MEAN A THING 49 (B Lalemant) R Hannon 9-0 L Dettori 78
405 (11) 00 EASY JET 7 (Crown Partnership) F Murphy 9-0 W Newnes 90
406 (3) 0 FREDDIE BALOO 20 R Phillips 9-0 T Williams –
407 (13) 0 HADABET 28 (The Basics) Miss J Doyle 9-0 R Perham 71
408 (5) 0 INDIGO TIME 101 (BF) (T Neill) P Cole 9-0 R Hughes 80
409 (17) 6 IRSHAD 24 (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 9-0 R Hills 74
410 (14) KNAVE OF DIAMONDS (G Hannen) J Hills 9-0 G Duffield –
411 (8) 02 KOMODO 33 (R Richards) D Elsworth 9-0 D Harrison
412 (16) 00 MATAMOROS 14 (M Lanfranchi) J Dunlop 9-0 S Whitworth 88
413 (1) 06 MR MACTAVISH 7 (Mrs D MacRae) Mrs J Cecil 9-0 A Clark 97
414 (18) 0 POLYDOXUS 87 (Windsor House Racing) P Walwyn 9-0 J Carroll 90
415 (9) TIME FOR CRIME (T Laing) P Cole 9-0 A McGlone –
416 (2) BELLARA (R Craddock) N Babbage 8-9 J Williams –
417 (4) 3 LADY KATE 28 (Mrs E Richards) C Brittain 8-9 B Doyle 94
418 (12) ZUIENA (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-9 T Quinn –

BETTING: 3-1 Komodo, 5-1 Zuiena, 6-1 Don't Mean A Thing, 7-1 Blue Harlequin, 10-1 Mr Mactavish, 12-1 others.

1993: WAYFARERS WAY 9-0 W Ryan (10-1) R Hannon 20 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE HARLEQUIN about 7½l 4th of 11 to Thames Sword in maiden at Redcar (1m 1f, good to soft) CAROL'S DREAM 13½l 6th of 14 to Nash Terrace in maiden at Kempton (1m, soft) with HADABET 3½l 7th. DON'T MEAN A THING 7¼l 5th of 11 to Shamrock Fair in maiden-auction at Epsom (7f, good to firm) KOMODO neck 2nd of 8 to Gentle Irony in Lingfield maiden (7f 140yd, heavy). ZUIENA (Mar 23, cost $120,000). Half-sister by Sunshine Forever to numerous winners in North America.
Selection: KOMODO

4.00 SPINNEY CONDITIONS STAKES (£4,485: 1m 14yd) (6 runners)

501 (2) 35-4102 REPREHEND 25 (F) (Mrs C Powell) R Hannon 3-9-5 J Reid 93
502 (6) 5 DAMIER BLANC 25 (G,S) (T Painting) M Pipe 5-9-4 A McGlone 65
503 (4) 000-010 DONTDRESSFORDINNER 129 (C,S) (K O'Meara) D R Tucker 4-9-0 R Perham 50
504 (5) 200351 KAYVEE 11 (D,F) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 5-9-0 A Clark
505 (1) 00 SET-EM-ALIGHT 7 (R Hughes) M Eckley 4-9-0 T Wall –
506 (3) 10-5 WEST QUEST 13 (S) (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 3-8-13 T Quinn 81

BETTING: 5-4 Kayvee, 7-4 Reprehend, 9-2 West Quest, 10-1 Dontdressfordinner, 16-1 others.

1993: SUNDAY'S HILL 4-9-2 J Williams (14-1) M Blanshard 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

REPREHEND 3½l 2nd to Mutakddim in Ascot conditions race (7f, good to soft). DONTDRESSFORDINNER beat Pusey Street Boy neck in amateurs' handicap here (7f, soft) penultimate start. KAYVEE beat Danger Point 3l in apprentices' race at Ascot (1m, good to firm). WEST QUEST 10½l last of 5 to Nijo in York conditions race (1m, soft)
Selection: KAYVEE

4.30 EBF MEADOW MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £4,225: 7f 16yd) (20 runners)

601 (19) AKAYID (H Al Maktoum) C Benstead 8-11 R Hills –
602 (11) 2 ALDANEH 17 (Sheikh Essa Bin Mubarak) R Hannon 8-11 L Dettori 96
603 (8) 60 BABY BOB 73 (Gaman Racing) J Eustace 8-11 M Tebbutt 87
604 (16) 50 BALLET ON ICE 28 (B) (R Bibby) R Baker 8-11 M Wigham 67
605 (2) CUILLIN (G Dickinson) L Cottrell 8-11 N Carlisle –
606 (3) 0 DIAMOND BANGLE 165 (Mrs M Wickham) D Laing 8-11 T Williams –
607 (14) 0 DISSOLVE 157 (Western Solvents Ltd) A Foster 8-11 Stephen Davies –
608 (9) 400 HIGH FLYING ADORED 21 (A Pye-Jeary) J Dunlop 8-11 J Weaver
609 (18) KNOTTY SCOT (M Evans) T Jones 8-11 R Perham –
610 (7) 52 LA GRAN SENORITA 14 (HRH Prince Fahd Salman) P Cole 8-11 T Quinn 87
611 (13) 5 MACELLUM 14 (A Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 M Hills 82
612 (15) MAYREAU (K Buchanan) G Harwood 8-11 A Clark –
613 (10) 50 NUNNERY GROVE 20 (Mrs C Morrison) T Thomson Jones 8-11 S Whitworth 80
614 (6) 66 POLY ROAD 14 (Sheet & Roll Convertors Ltd) M Channon 8-11 R Hughes 81
615 (20) 2 QUEEN'S RANSOM 197 (BF) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-11 J Reid 89
616 (4) 0 RADIANCE 158 (J Davis) R Hannon 8-11 S Raymont –
617 (17) SNOW PRINCESS (Lord Weinstock) Lord Huntingdon 8-11 D Harrison –
618 (12) 4 STINGING REPLY 14 (The Queen) I Balding 8-11 R Cochrane 88
619 (5) 30650 VICTORIA'S SECRET 11 (A Tuckerman) D Elsworth 8-11 W Newnes 94
620 (1) 54 WEB OF INTRIGUE 42 (Lord Howard de Walden) H Cecil 8-11 W Ryan 96

BETTING: 5-2 Web Of Intrigue, 3-1 Aldaneh, 9-2 La Gran Senorita, 8-1 High Flying Adored, 10-1 others.

1993: GIRL FROM IPANEMA 8-11 T Quinn (9-1) P Cole 15 ran

FORM FOCUS

ALDANEH 10l 2nd to Epagris in Newmarket maiden (6f, good). LA GRAN SENORITA 4l 2nd to Dashing Water in Warwick maiden (7f, soft) with POLY ROAD about 12½l 6th. QUEEN'S RANSOM 1¾l 2nd to Sunday Mail Lass in Newcastle maiden (5f, good). STINGING REPLY 4l 4th to Private Line in maiden at Warwick (7f, soft) with MACELLUM 3l 5th. WEB OF INTRIGUE 2¾l 4th to Mandarina in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm).
Selection: STINGING REPLY

5.00 PASTURE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,852: 1m 4f 23yd) (16 runners)

1 (11) 120300 ALCOVE 13 (D,F) (Highclere Thoroughbred Racing) R Hannon 9-7 D O'Neill (7) 93
2 (6) 45422 SEAWARD 12 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Gosden 9-4 L Dettori 86
3 (3) 2-55316 TRIPLE TIE 54 (S) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-4 J Reid 92
4 (4) 105266 CUANGO 8 (D,F) (Mrs B Facchino) R Hollinshead 9-3 W Ryan 98
5 (2) 0-422 QUEST AGAIN 22 (Miss P Deckes) D Arbuthnot 9-0 T Quinn 93
6 (10) 6-5000 COLONEL COLT 12 (P Holder) R Dickin 9-0 J Carroll 91
7 (1) 42-020 ALJAWAB 13 (S Khaled) J Dunlop 8-13 J Weaver 88
8 (9) 212000 BURES 18 (D,V,F) (J Wimbs) M Tompkins 8-12 S Mulvey (5) 89
9 (14) 501320 EXEMPTION 18 (C,BF,F) (T F Frost) H Candy 8-11 W Newnes
10 (5) 420450 WADOOD 20 (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 8-8 R Hills 93
11 (16) 050005 VILLAGE EAGLE 12 (B) (A Richards) C Brittain 8-8 B Doyle 90
12 (7) 050218 SAGASAN 31 (D,BF,G) (D Deer) W Muir 8-0 D Harrison 97
13 (13) 4-0850 CANARY BLUE 24 (D Harrison) P Makin 7-12 N Carlisle 98
14 (8) 0-38304 ALASKAN HEIR 109 (S) (N Bowyer) D Murray Smith 7-7 N Adams 95
15 (15) 0-05611 GRANBY BELL 7 (CD,G) (L Wadge) P Hayward 7-7 (5ex) R Street 97
16 (12) 102432 LONE RISK 109 (G,S) (P Byrnes) C Allen 7-7 G Bardwell 88

Long handicap: Lone Risk 7-6

BETTING: 7-2 Granby Bell, 4-1 Triple Tie, 7-1 Seaward, 8-1 Quest Again, 10-1 Aljawab, 12-1 others.

1993: WARM SPELL 9-2 B Rouse (10-1) R Simpson 13 ran

FORM FOCUS

SEAWARD 12l 2nd of 12 to Isle Of Pines in maiden at Haydock (1m 4f, soft). TRIPLE TIE beat Anyar Reem short-head in maiden at Lingfield (1m 6f, good to soft) QUEST AGAIN ¾l 2nd of 11 to Ketabi in maiden at Goodwood (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start, with WADOOD (1lb better off) 2¾l 5th. ALJAWAB 1¼l 2nd of 6 to Make A Note in handicap at Sandown (1m 3f 91yd, soft) on penultimate start. EXEMPTION 1l 2nd of 20 to Sharp Falcon in handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, good to soft) on penultimate start. GRANBY BELL completed double, beat Warm Spell 1½l in handicap over course and distance (good)
Selection: GRANBY BELL

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
H Cecil	11	32	34.4	L Dettori	14	54	25.9
J Gosden	5	21	23.8	S Raymont	3	12	25.0
H Candy	9	44	20.5	W Ryan	7	37	18.9
R Hills	8	39	20.5	T Sprake	10	68	14.7
P Walwyn	5	26	19.2	D Harrison	6	43	14.0

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Nottingham

Going: good to firm (good in straight)

2.00 (5f 13yd) 1, Admirals Realm (J Weaver 14-1); 2, Moujeeb (7-1 fav); 3, First Option (16-1). 25 ran. NR: Dynamis. 3⁄4l, 3⁄4l. B McMahon. Tote: £19.80; £7.40, £2.30, £11.20. DF: £74.70. CSF: £109.30.

2.30 (1m 54yd) 1, Quantity Surveyor (G Carter, 6-1); 2, Wave Hill (12-1); 3, Bettle Colours (9-1). After The Last 11-4 fav. 20 ran. Nk, ½l. R Akehurst. Tote: £6.30; £2.40, £5.90, £3.70. DF: £77.20. CSF: £83.91.

3.00 (1m 54yd) 1, Myrtle Quest (Pat Eddery, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Dances With Hooves (20-1); 3, Night Wink (5-2 jt-fav). 12 ran. NR: Kelkesia. 2l, shd. R Charlton. Tote: £3.40; £1.50, £10.90, £1.30. DF: £81.40. CSF: £48.33.

3.30 (2m 9yd) 1, Fetes Galantes (L Dettori, 7-2 fav); 2, Ibsen (6-1); 3, Grey Power (10-1); 4, Good Hand (13-2). 16 ran. 1¼l, 3½l. L Cumani. Tote: £3.20; £1.60, £1.50, £3.00, £1.60. DF: £13.50. Trio: £27.70. CSF: £26.24. Tricast: £189.81.

4.00 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Totality (Pat Eddery, 2-11 fav, Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Karinkeya (4-1); 3, Arctic Mayo (8-1). 13 ran. 9l, 1¼l. H Cecil. Tote: £1.60; £1.10, £2.10, £1.30. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.62.

4.30 (1m 6f 15yd) 1, Lala Musa (M Roberts, 9-4 fav); 2, Alcian Blue (20-1); 3, Joy's First (33-1). 12 ran. 2½l, 1¼l. C Brittain. Tote: £2.30; £1.20, £6.00, £5.50. DF: £31.90. CSF: £41.21.

5.00 (1m 1f 213yd) 1, Deano's Beeno (J Weaver, 6-5 fav); 2, Sunday Saving (3-1); 3, Milton Dancer (4-1). 11 ran. 2½l, sh hd. M Johnston. Tote: £2.10; £1.10, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £2.20. CSF: £5.20.

5.30 (1m 54yd) 1, Burman (R Hills, 10-1); 2, Misty Silks (11-1); 3, Equerry (14-1); 4, Broadway Boy (12-1). Bernico 9-2 fav. 19 ran. NR: Spender's Revenge. ½l, hd. H Thomson Jones. Tote: £15.90; £2.90, £2.70, £2.70, £4.60. DF: £86.90. Trio: £453.80. CSF: £117.86. Tricast: £1,448.56. After stewards' inquiry, result stood.

Placepot: £31.00. Quadpot: £2.70.

Folkestone

Going: firm

1.50 (6f 189yd) 1, Silver Tzar (M Hills, 100-30); 2, Himalayan Blue (6-1); 3, Rosa Bonheur (20-1). Total Rach Evens fav. 10 ran. 3l, nk. W Haggas. Tote: £4.50; £1.70, £1.60, £4.90. DF: £18.70. CSF: £22.48.

2.20 (6f 189yd) 1, Flight Master (R Perham, 18-1); 2, Bellesonnette (20-1); 3, Harvey White (8-1). Royal Rebuke 10-11 fav. 9 ran. ¾l, sh hd. P Makin. Tote: £19.90; £2.10, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £86.90. CSF: £219.54.

2.50 (6f 189yd) 1, Just Harry (D Biggs, 25-1); 2, Ocean Park (10-1); 3, Airspeed Flyer (9-4 fav). 16 ran. ½l, 2½l. M Ryan. Tote: £63.60; £8.60, £4.60, £1.80. DF: £226.20. CSF: £257.40.

3.20 (5f) 1, Bent Al Fala (W Ryan, 100-30); 2, Nafta (5-2); 3, Solianna (7-4 fav). 9 ran. Nk, ½l. B Hanbury. Tote: £5.50; £1.30, £1.30, £1.80. DF: £6.00. CSF: £12.42.

3.50 (6f) 1, Zeralt (M Perrett, 8-1); 2, Estoppel (11-2); 3, Saltis (7-1). Running Tycoon 100-30 fav. 17 ran. Nk, 2l. G Harwood. Tote: £9.60; £2.90, £2.70, £3.40. DF: £41.00. CSF: £54.23.

4.20 (6f) 1, Elra (S Raymont, 12-1); 2, Masrun (5-1); 3, Born To Be (8-1). My Ruby Ring 9-2 fav. 20 ran. 3l, 2½l. R Hannon. Tote: £14.50; £3.90, £3.00, £3.10. DF: £39.20. CSF: £73.35.

4.50 (1m 4f) 1, Exhibit Air (Mr T McCarthy, 5-1); 2, Opera Buff (14-1); 3, Blue Blazer (9-1); 4, Field Of Stars (7-1). Meant To Be 100-30 jt-fav. 20 ran. 1½l, ¾l. R Akehurst. Tote: £5.10; £2.10, £2.30, £2.10, £2.10. DF: £32.90. Trio: £278.80. CSF: £80.97. Tricast: £600.57.

5.20 (1m 1f 149yd) 1, Wonderful Day (P McCabe, 100-30 fav); 2, Dakota Brave (9-2); 3, Meelaad (25-1). 14 ran. NR: Priscilla Rosa. 4l, 2½l. S Williams. Tote: £5.00; £1.50, £2.30, £6.20. DF: £16.80. CSF: £19.45. Tricast: £300.34. Trio Div £253.50.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £62,272.38 carried forward to Chepstow today).

Placepot: £1,393.40. Quadpot £174.80 (pool of £117.86 carried forward to Chepstow today).

Hereford

Going: firm (good to firm in places)

2.10 (2m 3f ch) 1, Dextra Dove (S Earle, 4-1); 2, Ilewin (3-1); 3, Maggots Green (9-4 fav). 6 ran. NR: Slippery Max. 2½l, 5l. R Alner. Tote: £3.60; £3.10, £1.80. DF: £7.20. CSF: £16.07.

2.40 (3m 2f hdle) 1, Doualago (R Dunwoody, 4-1); 2, Dominion Treasure (7-2 fav); 3, Tap Dancing (6-1). 9 ran. 3l, 10l. M Pipe. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £2.10, £1.40. DF: £26.90. Trio: £40.00. CSF: £18.03. Tricast: £76.60.

3.10 (2m 1f) 1, Sherwood Boy (N Williamson, 1-5 fav); 2, Lord Camberley (10-1); 3, True Fred (13-2). 4 ran. 25l, 13l. K Bailey. Tote: £1.20. DF: £2.40. CSF: £2.85.

3.40 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, The Humble Tiller (J Osborne, 6-1); 2, Pant Llin (33-1); 3, Rusty Bridge (25-1). Debt of Honor 5-2 fav. 9 ran. 3l, 2l. D Gandolfo. Tote: £7.20; £1.60, £9.00, £2.40. DF: £112.50. Trio: £242.40. CSF: £128.53. Tricast: £4,069.29.

4.10 (2m ch) 1, I Have Him (B Powell, 7-1); 2, Forest Pride (4-5 fav); 3, Brenda Hunt (66-1). 11 ran. 11l, 25l. A Jones. Tote: £11.00; £2.10, £1.40, £4.00. DF: £8.10. CSF: £12.73.

4.40 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, Captain Chrome (D Bridgwater, 12-1); 2, Bridepark Rose (13-8 fav); 3, Tel E Thon (7-2). 7 ran. 4l, 20l. K Bridgwater. Tote: £18.50; £3.20, £1.70. DF: £9.80. CSF: £31.27.

Placepot: £451.10. Quadpot: £56.20.

Judge admits mistake

THE Jockey Club is likely to award the Captain Quist Hurdle at Kempton on Saturday to Absalom's Lady, who was adjudged to have dead-heated with Large Action.

After Jane Stickels, the racecourse judge, had announced her verdict, Absalom's Lady's owner, Peter Bolton, and trainer, David Elsworth, saw the photo-finish print and asked Stickels to re-examine it. She looked at the print again, agreed she had made a mistake and will recommend to the Jockey Club that the result be amended.

Bets on the race will be settled on the original result.

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Ashes tour will show whether win over South Africa was false dawn

Menace of Warne haunts England

Alan Lee wonders how Atherton can succeed in turning a tide that has been running so strongly to Australia

As the win count over the past three Ashes contests stands at 11-1 to Australia, it is hardly surprising that Michael Atherton feels a drawn series would be an acceptable result for the England party that embarks for Perth today. The more cynical would consider it astounding.

On the face of it, there are few logical reasons for supposing that Atherton's England will cope much better than their recent predecessors against opponents whose personnel has altered little and resolution diminished not at all since the one-sided sequence began in 1989.

Such optimism as there is, for England's prospects, emanates from the victory over South Africa at the Oval late in August. It was an admittedly stunning performance, one that would have crushed any team in the world. But it was excellence in isolation, surrounded by too much that was undistinguished and some that was unspeakable.

If such inconsistency follows England through Australia, they will be beaten again,

Angus Fraser, who was contentiously left out of England's Ashes squad, will play for Western Suburbs in Sydney this winter.

perhaps badly. To make dogmatic forecasts about this series, however, is about as sensible as betting on next year's Derby. Nine weeks from now, England will still have played only one Test. There is too much time for false trails, dashed hopes and altered circumstances. Even by Christmas Eve, when the second Test begins, the shape of the tour could be indistinct, liable to sharp revision.

The remaining four Tests will then be shoehorned into a frenzied 46 days that also contain the finals, if they can be so dignified, of a limited-overs event contemptible even by 1990s standards. A laughably titled World Series Cup, featuring Zimbabwe and Australia's reserves, should at least prove no distraction to England's priorities.

Atherton is realistic. After a personally chastening summer he applies a deliberate prudency to his stated ambitions. "The biggest hope for me," he said, "is that it will be the closest series we have had against Australia in the last few years. If it is, I would like to think we can back our players under pressure."

This has not habitually been so. Indeed, as Graham Gooch points out, one of the repetitive aspects of the last two Ashes series, under his captaincy, was that Australia fought their way out of tight corners whereas England did not. While it is equally true that Australia have lost a sequence of close games, the most recent by one wicket in Pakistan, England have to create the situations to exploit any temperamental frailty. In recent series, they have demonstrably failed.

This time, their fanfare, already misguidedly loud, is for a fast bowling attack designed for destruction. England have an artillery more powerful than anything Australia can offer. This is not in question. What remains to be proved is its accuracy and reliability.

Those who glibly predict that Devon Malcolm will win England the Ashes do so on the memory of one devastating day at the Oval rather than the evidence of a sketchy Test career. Constraints must also be applied to any overblown enthusiasm for Darren Gough and Martin McCague. Gough is an exciting talent but so new to the game that his first full tour will challenge more than his bowling technique; McCague is quick and aggressive but prone to injury.

Australia are, however, vulnerable in this area above all others. Craig McDermott is a better Test match bowler than any of England's quick men but his support will be chosen from an identity parade of novices unless, by way of admitting defeat, there is a recall for Merv Hughes. The counter argument, of course, is who needs fast bowlers when you have Shane Warne?

The safest forecast for this series is that this great match-winner will bowl the most overs and take the most wickets.

For England to compete, their batting must improve dramatically, because Australia bat with more strength and depth than any other team in world cricket. The advent of Steven Rhodes, a clone of Ian Healy in abrasive character as well as in contribution, will be a help. But it is vital that Graeme Hick asserts himself at No 3 and that Graham Thorpe is given his head at four. It could be that the elder statesmen, Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting, will bat at five and six, where their ability against spin will be most useful. By the end of the series, however, I hope John Crawley is established in the side, making as big an impression as Michael Bevan is doing for Australia.

Atherton, who has won four of his first 13 Tests as captain, now finds himself in the novel position of being an old hand compared with his counterpart, Mark Taylor. The absence of Allan Border may produce a more gracious Australian side but not necessarily a more resourceful one and if Atherton himself can rise above the provocation he will undoubtedly face, this may not be a negligible advantage.

Australia, too, will come from Pakistan to start the series, which is seldom an ideal preparation. England's structured warm-up, including four four-day games, may put them in better physical and mental shape for the opening day in Brisbane on November 25. Win there, and all things are possible.



Atherton: realistic

Grunting for beginners

Between the Ears. *Radio 3, 10.00pm.*

Only tangentially a beginner's guide to electronic music, Mark Russell's programme assumes that most of us have already been subjected to the works of such masters of the craft as Stockhausen, Paul Lansky, Adrian Moore and Richard James (aka The Aphex Twin). First-time listeners should be able to identify the difference between works that electronically manipulate everyday sounds, and those that live in an electronic world of their own. In Moore's *Steve*, I distinctly heard a cat's fragmented miaow, church bells, heavy breathing, and seagulls. I'm not sure about the faulty plumbing system I thought I picked out. Nor am I sure about the Stockhausen study. Is it a grunting lion trapped inside a one-armed bandit?

Hack on the Cut. *Radio 4 FM, 10.00am.*

Dylan Winter's journey down Britain's canals is going to be a long haul. His horse called Molly has to pull a 25-ton barge stacked with soap, grain and candles. Winter is not one of those radio personalities who ruminate on what they want to say. He speaks in short, sharp bursts, which are not best suited to a leisurely odyssey. Fortunately, the people and animals he meets compensate for this imbalance. There's the fisherman who says that cold and wet though the weather is, it beats being badgered by the wife at home. There is also the mynah bird which sings "I Just Called to Say I Love You", then mimics a ringing telephone.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. 4.00am Early Breakfast Show 6.30 Steve Wright 9.00 Simon Mayo 12.00 Emma Freud, incl at 12.30-12.45pm Newsbeat 2.00 Mark Goodier, incl at 3.45 Superman: Doomsday and Beyond 4.00 Claire Sturgess with Drivetime, incl at 5.30-5.45 Newsbeat 7.00 Evening Session, presented by Jo Whiley and Steve Lamacq 9.00 The Story of Pop: Alan Freeman looks at pop's love affair with the guitar. The cast includes Eric Clapton and Brian May, and Bert Weedon 10.00 Mark Radcliffe 12.00-4.00am Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 3.00am Alex Lester 6.00 Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show 6.15 Pause for Thought 7.30 Wake Up to Wogan 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy Young 2.00pm Chris Stuart 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 England, Their England: Leslie Phillips narrates the classic comedy by A.G. MacDonell (5/6) 7.30 Hayes Over Britain: Call 071-305 0222 9.00 20th Century Praise 10.00 Calypso Chronicles 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Steve Madden with Night Ride 3.00 Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports 6.00 The Breakfast Programme, incl at 6.55 and 7.55 Racing Preview 8.35 The Magazine, incl at 10.35 Europe News; 11.15 Dirty News 12.00 Midday with Mair, incl at 12.34pm Moneycheck, with Liz Barclay 2.05 Ruscoe on Five 4.00 John Inverdale Nationwide 6.00 The Tuesday Matches: Tranbconspor v Aston Villa and at 7.35 Newcastle United v Athletic Bilbao, plus a look ahead to Manchester United v Barcelona tomorrow 10.05 News Talk 11.00 Night Extra, including at 11.45 The Financial World Tonight 12.05am After Hours 2.00-5.00 Up All Night with Rhod Sharp

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CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey 9.00 Henry Kelly 12.00 Susannah Simons 2.00pm Pokomy (Flute Concerto in D) 3.00 Jamie Crick 6.00 Classic Reports 7.00 The Opera Guide, with Hugh Macpherson 8.00 Concert: Verdi (Requiem); Elgar (Cockaigne Overture) 10.00 Michael Mappin 1.00am Mark Griffiths

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ 'n' Jorio 9.00 Richard Skinner 12.00 Graham Dene 4.00pm Wendy Lloyd 7.00 Nick Abbot 10.00 N.J. Williams 2.00-6.00am Paul Coyte

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air. Satie arr Debussy (Gymnopédie No 1); Vivaldi (Sonata for two violins in G); 7.32 *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in A, Op 2 No 1); Rossini (Overture: La Scala di Seta); Schubert (Die Forelle); Franck (Violin Sonata in A) 9.00 **Composer of the Week**: Arnold (Guitar Concerto, Op 67; Symphonies Nos 3 and 4, excerpts) 10.00 **Musical Encounters**: with Chris de Souza. Thea Musgrave (Elegy for viola and cello); Martinů (String Trio No 1); Bruch (Symphony No 1 in E flat) 10.55 *Artists of the Week*: Domus. Mendelssohn (Piano Quartet in C minor, Op 1); Ronald Finch (Suite for small orchestra) 12.00 **Music Restored**: Lufthansa Festival of Baroque Music. French soprano Agnès Mellon joins Les Talens Lyriques under Christophe Rousset in a programme of vocal music from France and Italy 1.00pm **Ulster Orchestra**, under Simon Joly. Raymond Warren (Seaside Sketches); Britten (Quatre Chansons Françaises); Panufnik (Sinfonia Rustica) 2.00 **Schools** 3.00 **French Radio Philharmonic Orchestra**, under Marek Janowski; Barry Douglas, piano. Reger (Piano Concerto in F minor, Op 114); Sibelius (Symphony No 7 in C) 4.05 **Schubert**: Alan Schiller, piano. Schubert (Impromtu in E flat; Sonata in D) 5.00 **The Music Machine**: Composer Debbie Wiseman shows how music can reflect and complement the character and mood of a film 5.15 **In Tune**: Bottesini (Prelude: Ero e Leandro); Reich (Vermont Counterpiece); Barber (String Quartet No 1) 7.30 **Pebble Mill**: Live from Studio One, the Vanbrugh String Quartet present Beethoven (String Quartet in B flat, Op 130, with Grosse Fuge) 8.20 The Wanderer. Joseph Koerner, Professor of fine Arts at Harvard University, explores the figure of the wanderer in the paintings of the great German Romantic painter Caspar David Friedrich 8.40 Bartók (Quartet No 3); Haydn (Quartet in B flat, Op 76 No 4, Sunrise) 9.35 **The Creation of New Ideals**: The seventh of ten short talks on defining moments of German Romanticism 9.45 **On an Overgrown Path**: Andras Schiff plays a selection from Book One of Janáček's collection of piano pieces 10.00 **Between the Ears**: See Choice 10.45 **Night Waves**: After *Reservoir Dogs*, Quentin Tarantino's latest film is *Pulp Fiction*. Tony Palmer assesses the young director 11.30-12.30am **Ulster Orchestra**, under Nicholas Braithwaite; Michael Thompson, horn. Fauré (Suite: Masques et bergamasques); Françaix (Divertimento for horn and orchestra); Honegger (Symphony No 2) 1.00-2.00 **Night School**: Radio Numberline 1.20 History 9-11

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping 6.00 News Briefing 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today incl half-hourly News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.58 Weather 9.00 **News** 9.05 **Call Nick Ross**: 071-580 4444 10.00 **News**; **Hack on the Cut** (FM only): See Choice 10.00 **Daily Service** (LW only) 10.15 **Paradise Lost** (LW only): John Milton's epic poem (32/41) 10.30 **Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray 11.30 **All in the Mind**: Professor Anthony Clare presents a programme on psychiatry in the armed forces, looking at how service men and women are coping 12.00pm **News**; **You and Yours**, with John Howard 12.25 **Word of Mouth**: Frank Delaney presents the programme about language, including Terry Waite talking about talking to God and the influence of money on words in the language of London's financial markets 12.55 Weather 1.00 **The World at One** 1.40 **The Archers** 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 **News**; **Thirty Minute Theatre**: **Holding Court**, by Michael Sharpe. When Stephen visits his father in hospital, he is surprised to find a strange lady sitting by the bed. With Graham Crowden and June Whitfield 2.30 **Richard Baker Compares Notes**: Richard Baker celebrates 70 years of the BBC Singers 3.00 **News**; **Anderson Country** 4.00 **News** 4.05 **Kaleidoscope**: Gill Pyrah considers magazine cover photographs 4.45 **Short Story**: **Cry Me a River**, by Eliza Langland 5.00 **PM** 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.55 Weather 6.00 **Six O'Clock News** 6.30 **A Perfect Spy**, by John le Carre. With James Fox as Magnus Pym (4/8) 7.00 **News** 7.05 **The Archers** 7.20 **File on 4** 8.00 **Science Now**: Peter Evans presents the weekly review of discoveries and developments in science (r) 8.30 **In Living Colour**: Juliet Alexander presents the magazine which highlights issues relating to the lives of black and Asian people in Britain 9.00 **In Touch**: Magazine for people with a visual handicap 9.30 **Kaleidoscope** 9.58 Weather 10.00 **The World Tonight** 10.45 **Book at Bedtime** Live: Two and a Half Men in a Boat. Nigel Williams reads the final part of his tale of travel on the River Thames 11.00 **Mediumwave**: The week's events in the media (r) 11.30 **Sentimental Journey** (FM only): In the first programme of this series, Barry Norman, in the company of Arthur Smith, travels back to South Africa for the first time in forty years, to find out how things have changed (r) 11.30 **Today in Parliament** (LW only) 12.00-12.43am **News** incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping 12.43 As World Service (LW only)

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Volatile Sanders returns to clip Falcons' wings

BY ROBERT KIRLEY

TWO plays after throwing punches at a former teammate — an act that possibly warranted his ejection — Deion Sanders returned an interception 93 yards for a touchdown, helping the San Francisco 49ers to a 42-3 away win over the Atlanta Falcons in the National Football League. The result on Sunday was the most one-sided in the league this season and gave the 49ers a one-game divisional lead over the Falcons.

Steve Young, of San Francisco, completed 15 of 16 passes for 143 yards and four touchdowns before being replaced in the third quarter with the 49ers leading 42-3.

Sanders's interception return, with 1min 32sec left in the first half, increased San Francisco's lead to 28-3. "This is my house ... I built it," Sanders, also known as "Neon Deion", said of the Georgia Dome. "And this will always be my house, whether I'm with the Falcons or not."

Sanders, who doubles as a professional baseball player, spent his first five seasons with the Falcons before joining the 49ers as a free agent this year. He spent most of the game covering Andre Rison, and the two were involved in a running altercation in the first quarter.

When Sanders bumped Rison while the latter was running a pass route at the San Francisco 20-yard line, Sanders took several swings at Rison's helmet and was assessed a 15-yard penalty but was not ejected.

Rison said: "Two plays before, he jammed me in the face-mask and poked my eye. The next play I went back at him. The next one he started swinging. If you watch the tapes you'll see I had my head down and I was just blocking. I didn't know he was swinging. It ain't like I felt it with my helmet and pads on."

"I'm sorry," Sanders said. "I got nothing but love for him. I tried to jam him and he had his head down. He thought I cheap-shotted him. It's nothing personal."

Rison added: "He came to midfield at the end of the game and we talked. He said we should have been better people than that."

The Atlanta coach, June Jones, was less magnanimous. "I looked at the film and Sanders probably should have been thrown out."

The 49ers received another touchdown from their defence when Tim McDonald recovered a fumble by the Atlanta quarterback, Jeff George, and returned the ball 49 yards for a score in the first quarter.

Young was perfect in ten passes for 110 yards and two touchdowns in the first half. He found Ricky Watters with a ten-yarder in the first quarter and connected with Jerry Rice on a one-yarder four seconds into the second quarter. Rice finished with six catches for 65 yards.

Young hit Brent Jones with a seven-yard touchdown pass and connected with Watters on a four-yard scoring play in the five minutes after half-time to set the final margin.

Norm Johnson scored Atlanta's only points with a 34-yard field goal in the second quarter. The defeat stopped their winning sequence at three games.

NFL DETAILS

RESULTS: Week seven: Arizona 19 Washington 16 (OT); Pittsburgh 14 Cincinnati 10; Indianapolis 27 Buffalo 17; Miami 20 LA Raiders 17 (OT); NY Jets 24 New England 17; San Francisco 42 Atlanta 3; Los Angeles Rams 17 NY Giants 10; Dallas 24 Philadelphia 13; San Diego 38 New Orleans 22.

American Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Miami	5	2	180	146
Buffalo	4	3	134	143
NY Jets	4	3	116	122
Indianapolis	3	4	140	145
New England	3	4	175	183
Central division				
Cleveland	5	1	129	86
Pittsburgh	4	2	114	111
Houston	1	5	87	134
Cincinnati	0	6	88	143
West division				
San Diego	6	0	170	108
Kansas City*	3	2	90	80
Seattle	3	3	130	86
LA Raiders	2	4	133	161
Denver*	1	4	109	148

* Does not include game played last night.

National Football Conference

East division	W	L	PF	PA
Dallas	5	1	159	69
Philadelphia	4	2	140	106
NY Giants	3	3	121	134
Arizona	2	4	68	127
Washington	1	6	126	184
Central division				
Chicago	4	2	113	108
Minnesota	4	2	134	95
Green Bay	3	3	107	84
Detroit	2	4	105	129
Tampa Bay	2	4	80	118
West division				
San Francisco	5	2	196	134
Atlanta	4	3	141	154
LA Rams	3	4	101	119
New Orleans	2	5	119	174

Byes: Chicago, Detroit, Green Bay, Minnesota, Seattle, Tampa Bay

FIXTURES: Week eight: Thursday: Green Bay at Minnesota. Sunday: Chicago at Detroit; Cincinnati at Cleveland; LA Rams at New Orleans; Pittsburgh at NY Giants; Seattle at Kansas City; Washington at Indianapolis; Atlanta at LA Raiders; Dallas at Arizona; Denver at San Diego, Tampa Bay at San Francisco, Monday: Houston at Philadelphia.

Confirmed sighting of rare seabird in Kent

BY MEL WEBB

TWO dream holes that netted a remarkable 16 points effectively won the Southern Home Counties regional final of *The Times*/MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge for the international money broking firm of Prebon Yamane (UK) at The London Golf Club yesterday.

Prebon Yamane had done well enough to record 43 Stableford points on the front nine on a bitterly cold day on which the sun did not break through the clouds until play was almost over. Their mood was confident enough at that point, but as they walked off the 12th green 45 minutes later they knew it would take a mighty collapse to prevent them from winning.

They put one foot on the plane that will take the national finalists to La Manga next month when they got nine points on the par-five 11th, believed to be a record score for a single hole in the two years of the Challenge.

Both Duncan Holdsworth and Brian Thistlethwaite hit good drives on the 527-yard hole, followed by six-irons to 14 feet. First Holdsworth sank the putt for a gross eagle three, which with the shot he had on the hole gave him an extraordinary net albatross two and five points, before Thistlethwaite two-putted for a net eagle and four.

Not content with that, Holdsworth put an eight-iron to 15 feet on the next and made the putt for net eagle two, and Thistlethwaite and the other two members of the team, Bob Lough and John Stewart, all had pars, enough to give them seven points on the hole. Who cares about mere birdies when there are altogether more exotic ornithological specimens to be bagged? The lowest tally the team had on any hole was four, although they were honest and happy enough to admit that once or twice they relied on the good services of the good-luck fairy.

Another factor in their success was the fact that Prebon Yamane, for whom all four work, has corporate membership of The London, so there was at least some advantage accruing from local knowledge of the £40 million Kent complex.

The team's game plan was simple. Stewart, a four-handicap member of Fulwell, would get as many pars as he could and leave the other three to use the shots they were given on the demanding International course to pick up the net pars, birdies and eagles.

Stewart shot 74, only three over par, and scored 38 points, the highest individual tally in the team, including a six-foot left-to-right putt for a net eagle three and four points on the last that, in spite of the dramatics earlier, ultimately put the team into the national final.

"We were second in our regional final at Foxhills last year, and we enjoyed the Challenge so much then that we had to come back for another try," Charles Emmett, the team's non-playing captain, said.

"We've thoroughly enjoyed our two years in the Challenge. It's firmly established as part of our annual company day and no matter what happens in La Manga, we'll be back for more next year."

This final produced by far the highest average score of the six that have been held to date. The two remaining — at Mentmore tomorrow and Spa Golf Club, in Northern Ireland, on Thursday — will do well to better it.

RESULTS

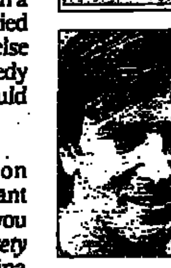
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77: Ashcombe Border Group and Roffe Swayne
76: Godwins Ltd
75: Straker Office Supplies; KPMG Consulting.
74: Esse Business Supplies
73: Securicor Group plc
71: Wace Group plc (Agency Division); Bowring Worldwide Insurance Brokers
68: Charles Russell (Solicitors)

No return: Richard Ellis

Les is more when it's a question of comedy

REVIEW



Matthew Bond

Shall I compare thee to a summer's day, or to umpteen wintry nights spent enjoyably slumped in front of the television? In short, whether 'twas to be **The Shakespeare Laboratory** (BBC 2) or **Les Dawson: the Entertainer** (BBC 1)? Aye, there was the remote control rub.

The arguments for Dawson first seemed compelling. No one, at least to my knowledge, has yet disputed that his jokes were penned by his own fair hand. Still less has anyone questioned whether Dawson actually existed. Finally, while the Bard has 400 years of theatrical tradition and a royal repertory company to mark his passing, poor Les is having to settle for three romps through the BBC archives.

Any lingering doubts I had were settled within the first five minutes of both programmes. Michael Parkinson, our host for what was the second of the Dawson tributes, brought his professional northern bluntness into play early on. "Les didn't need a script to be funny, he was humorous by nature. Making people laugh was not a job, but a vocation."

Over on BBC 2, Adrian Noble, the artistic director of the Royal Shakespeare Company, was taking a somewhat more cerebral approach as he rehearsed two scenes from *Measure to Measure*. "I think there is one very useful word when dealing with Shakespeare, which is wit. I don't mean being funny. Wit to me is keeping an audience's intelligence stimulated continuously." As Dawson would have put it, I was feeling about as comfortable with that as a lame turkey sitting on a pile of Paxo listening to Christmas carols. It was back to BBC 1.

Here the nearest thing Parkinson offered in the way of searing insight was a clip from his own chat-show during its sideboards compulsory era. He asked Dawson about the choice of comedy as a career. "When you're born with a face and a body like this," replied Dawson, "there's very little else you can do in life." Ah, the tragedy of the clown. Shakespeare would have appreciated that.

Parkinson's compilation served up the sort of instant nostalgia that made you strangely wistful for *Blankety Blank* and the weeks that Selina Scott sat in on *Wogan*. But whether it did full justice to the comic genius of his friend, I rather doubt. The laconic expressions that defied you not to laugh. The sheer patience of the man who, when you stumbled in cold and miserable from the Saturday shopping or sporting defeat, knew that his comic attrition would have you laughing in half an hour's time.

Goodness knows what Adrian Noble would make of one of Dawson's convoluted monologues, but I suspect his textual analysis might reveal one or two unexpected points even there. "Verse is not a fancy way of saying things," Noble explained. "It is a practical tool for firing other people's imagination." His RSC ensemble had presumably heard all this before and pentametered on regardless.

Inviting cameras into the reverse striptease of rehearsal is a brave move and should be applauded. But to carp briefly, the use of RSC players of the calibre of Anthony Sher and Joanne Pearce meant we were dealing with the subtlest of changes in performance. A lesser cast might actually have been more enlightening for those of us for whom the directorial art remains a mystery.

A textual analysis of last night's episode of **Cracker** (ITV) might also be enlightening, but somehow I doubt it. We already knew whodunit (Albie), have a fair idea of whyhedunit (something to do with his Dad's death and Hillsborough) and what he plans to do next (kill 93 more people). Personally, I'm even beginning to weary of Fitz's repartee. Coupled with a plot suggesting that the Hillsborough disaster was caused by the police, lines like "suddenly I smell gas ovens and six million burning corpses" and "good old-fashioned British justice, when a man is innocent until proven Irish" add up to an hour that might be better spent being hit over the head with a blunt instrument.

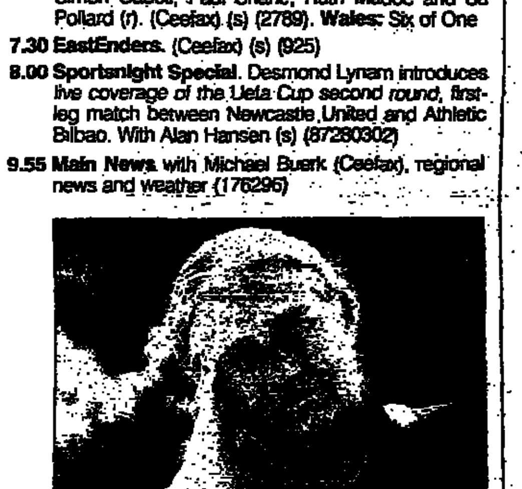
Last night's episode was notable for the most curious case of double standards. We were spared the sight of Fitz's potentially last and definitely significant union with his wife, presumably on the ground of taste. But we were not spared one second of the horrific last five minutes of Bilborough's life. As Les Dawson, I think, once said: "Yet who would have thought the boss had so much blood in him." Yet why did we have to watch every last drop spill out?

On a lighter note my recent reflections about *Star Trek* boldly going where no programme has been scheduled before has sparked an interesting correspondence. A London cable viewer has pointed out that until recently Sat 1, the German channel, had been showing *Star Trek: Deep Space Nine* at 4pm on Wednesdays, which linked straight into *Star Trek: The Next Generation* on Sky One at 5pm, which in turn was followed by a different series of *The Next Generation* on BBC 2 at 6pm. Three hours of unalloyed joy, at least for Trekkies bilingual in German rather than Klingon.

Sat 1 has now replaced *Deep Space Nine* with the original Shatner and Nimoy series, which it slightly annoyingly schedules at 3pm. Nevertheless, this is but a minor obstacle in the path of tomorrow's excitement, or Warp Wednesday as it is known. Having kicked off with *Raunschiff Enterprise* at 3pm on Sat 1, there's *The Next Generation* on Sky One and BBC 2 at 5pm and 6pm followed by — oh joy, oh rapture, — *Star Trek II: the Wrath of Khan* on BBC 1 at 7pm. Honestly, there's a whole parallel universe out there.

BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (73741)
7.00 BBC Breakfast News (34441673)
9.05 Kilroy: Topical debate (2804974)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1143012) **10.05 Good Morning . . . with Anne and Nick** (s) (15335383)
12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1109876) **12.05pm Pebble Mill**. Gloria Hunniford talks to Major Ronald Ferguson, and introduces the BBC Big Band (s) (3513789) **12.55 Regional news** (26180147)
1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (39514)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (89685692)
1.50 NEW **Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes**. Recipes for chocolate creations (s) (45463692)
2.00 Snooker. David Vine presents live coverage of the Grand Prix from the Assembly Rooms in Derby (s) (932166)
3.50 Chucklevision (r) (s) (2942437) **4.10 The New Yogi Bear Show** (r) (4250895) **4.15 Spacevets** (s) (6446234) **4.35 Fan TC** with Danni Minogue and Toby Anstis. Fans of Aswad compete against supporters of the Beatles. (Ceefax) (s) (9669505)
5.00 Newsround (8052215) **5.10 Byker Grove**. A new 20-part series of the children's twice-weekly drama. (Ceefax) (5009166)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (323760) **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Moira Stuart (Ceefax) and weather (789)
6.30 Regional news magazines (741) **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Hi-de-Hi. Jeffrey Fairbrother entertains the campers by playing classical music on the gramophone. With Simon Cadell, Paul Shane, Ruth Madoc and Su Pollard (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2789). **Wales:** Six of One
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (925)
8.00 Sportsnight Special. Desmond Lynam introduces live coverage of the Uefa Cup second round, first-leg match between Newcastle United and Athletic Bilbao. With Alan Hansen (s) (87280302)
9.55 Main News with Michael Buerk (Ceefax), regional news and weather (176296)

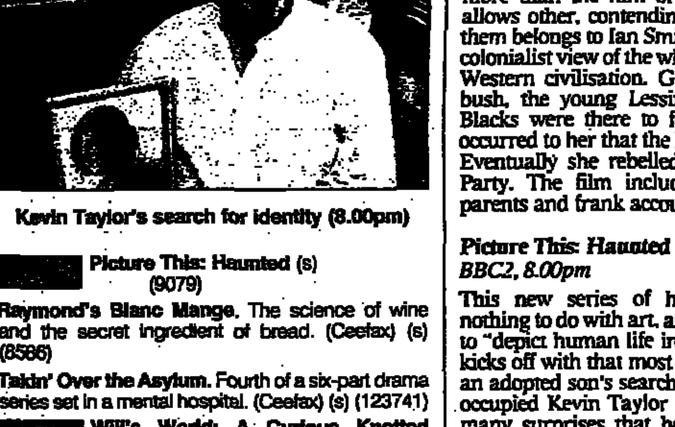


Doris Lessing's life in Africa (10.25pm)

10.25 CHOICE **Omnibus: Doris Lessing — A Part of Me**. (Ceefax) (s) (987302)
Northern Ireland: Country Times 10.50 29 Bedford Street 11.15 Omnibus 12.10-1.35am FILM: Fatal Bond **Wales:** Week In Week Out 10.55 Omnibus 11.45 Film 94 12.15-1.55am FILM. Heaven Can Wait
11.15 FILM: Heaven Can Wait (1978). Warren Beatty made his directorial debut in a remake of the 1941 fantasy, *Here Comes Mr Jordan*. An aspiring football player (Beatty) is killed in a road accident and returns to earth as a tycoon to find that his wife and secretary are trying to murder him. With Julie Christie, James Mason, Charles Grodin, Dyan Cannon and Buck Henry (who co-directed) (s) (565215) **12.55-1.00am Weather** (7551155)
2.45-3.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Channel (25703); **3.30-4.00** RCN Nursing Update (46396)

BBC2

7.00am The Adventures of Buzzy Bee and Friends (r) (6908321) **7.05 Poddington Peas** (r) (6907692) **7.10 Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles** (r) (Ceefax) (7007586) **7.30 Blue Peter** (r) (Ceefax) (88012)
8.00 Breakfast News. With signing. (Ceefax) (3554760)
8.15 Westminster Daily (5954673)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Educational programmes, including for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (r) (s) (2670321)
12.00 See Hear! Signed and subtitled (r) (s) (40215) **12.30pm Working Lunch** (90708)
2.00 Christopher Crocodile (r) (44815418) **2.05 Spot** (r) (44814789)
2.10 NEW **How the West Was Lost: A Clash of Cultures**. A series showing how the five native American nations fought to hold on to their territory and way of life (2352741)
3.00 News (Ceefax) and weather. Followed by **Westminster Live**. Including Prime Minister's Questions. (Ceefax) (7133166) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (1590447)
4.00 Snooker. The concluding frames of this afternoon's games in the Grand Prix (s) (2166)
6.00 All in the Mind: Alison Holloway presents the lateral thought and logic quiz show (s) (401)
6.30 Heartbreak High. Drama series about an inner-city school in Sydney. (Ceefax) (956944)
7.15 Tex Avery Double Bill (406128)
7.30 Baby Monthly. The babies are now between nine and ten months old. (Ceefax) (895)



Kevin Taylor's search for identity (8.00pm)

8.00 NEW **Picture This: Haunted** (s) (9079)
8.30 Raymond's Blanc Mange. The science of wine and the secret ingredient of bread. (Ceefax) (s) (8586)
9.00 Takin' Over the Asylum. Fourth of a six-part drama series set in a mental hospital. (Ceefax) (s) (123741)
9.50 NEW **Will's World: A Curious Knotted Garden**. A brief guide to life in Shakespeare's England. (Ceefax) (s) (802234)
10.00 The Fast Show. Comedy sketches with Paul Whitehouse, Charlie Higson, Caroline Aherne and John Thompson. (Ceefax) (s) (41944)
10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (239437)
11.15 The Late Show. A profile of Alastair Campbell, Tony Blair's new personal press secretary (s) (747166) **11.55 Weather** (544876)
12.00 Snooker (26155). Ends at **1.30am**
2.00 Night School: Access to Learning — Go for It! (74613). Ends at **4.00**

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CHOICE



Prince Michael of Kent looks east (ITV, 10.40pm)

Network First: Nicholas and Alexandra
ITV, 10.40pm

Prince Michael of Kent turns television presenter for a two-part history of the last Tsar and Tsarina of Russia. He has admirable qualifications. Not only is he closely related to both but, thanks to his splendid beard, could easily be mistaken for Tsar Nicholas himself. Moreover, the prince's delivery, unlike that of the Prince of Wales, is notably crisp and unmannered. The programmes are built around the reminiscences of some very elderly Russians and the impressive amount of personal material that Nicholas and Alexandra left behind, much of which has been made public only in the past few years. If the series contains no startling revelations, the diaries, letters, *photographs and archive film take you right to the* heart of the Romanov dynasty.

Omnibus: Doris Lessing — A Part of Me
BBC1, 10.25pm

Now in her mid-seventies, the novelist Doris Lessing looks back on her early life in prewar Rhodesia, the subject of her first volume of autobiography. But this is more than the film of the book, mainly because it allows other, contending, voices to be heard. One of them belongs to Ian Smith, of UDI fame, who puts the colonialist view of the white man spreading the light of Western civilisation. Growing up on a farm in the bush, the young Lessing was part of this culture. Blacks were there to fetch and carry and it never occurred to her that the land belonged to the Africans. Eventually she rebelled and joined the Communist Party. The film includes incisive portraits of her parents and frank accounts of her two marriages.

Picture This: *Haunted*
BBC2, 8.00pm

This new series of half-hour documentaries has nothing to do with art, as you might suppose, but aims to "depict human life in all its diversity". The project kicks off with that most dependable of human stories, an adopted son's search for his real mother. The task occupied Kevin Taylor for 14 years and threw up so many surprises that he must often have wondered whether it was worth while. Veronica Reinhardt's film contains the standard airport reunion, but there is a lot more besides. Indeed, the plot is Agatha Christie at her most ingenious, what with a haunted house, a bigamous marriage and almost nobody turning out to be the people they thought they were.

Alan Bleasdale Presents: Blood on the Dole
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Jim Morris's drama about four Merseyside teenagers looking for work and a purpose in life was first produced as a stage play in 1981. But the subject has not dated, and nor has Morris's treatment of it. This is not primarily a political tract, raging against the lack of opportunity for young people, though the quarter's dispiriting visits to the jobcentre make their own point. Rather it is about the resilience as well as the vulnerability of school leavers taking their first steps into an adult world, delivered with humour, emotion and not a little lyricism. Morris is superbly served by his four young leads: Stephen Walters, Suzanne Maddock, Rachel Caldwell and Philip Dowd. We shall surely hear more of them. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (4253708)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (9706499) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2657470)
10.00 The Time . . . The Place (1132234)
10.35 This Morning. Presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan (99203470) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) (1198760)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News (Teletext) (8082383)
12.55 Emmerdale (r). (Teletext) (8090302)
1.25 Home and Away (Teletext) (81255673) **1.55 Vanessa**. *Vanessa Feltz discusses a topic of* interest to women (s) (24654449)
2.25 A Country Practice (s) (53255692) **2.50 The Young Doctors** (1561692)
3.20 ITN News headlines (6930321) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (6939692)
3.30 Children's ITV: Gigglish Allsorts (s) (4757031) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3390429) **3.50 The Raggy Dolls** (s) (4768147) **4.05 Cartoon** (r) (7623215) **4.15 Hurricanes** (s) (6422654) **4.40 Children's Ward** (Teletext) (s) (4224470)
5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9882673)
5.40 Early Evening News (Teletext) (933296)
5.55 Your Shout. Viewers' air their views on life in London (399944)
6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (857)
6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (437)
7.00 Emmerdale (Teletext) (7857)
7.30 Everyday Lives: Born to Perform. The third of a four-part documentary series on people with disabilities. Kim Woolfe from Holloway has always wanted to be an actress. She gets her chance in a comic review entitled *One Hundred Years of Shopping*. (Teletext) (321)

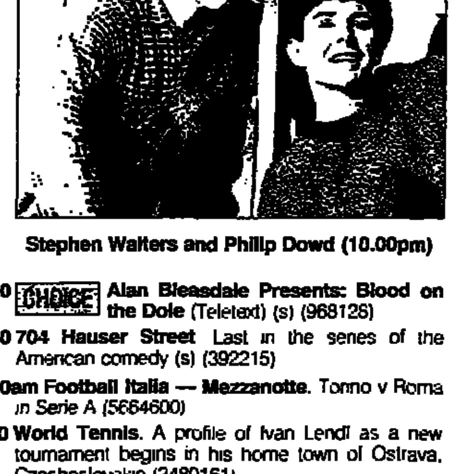


The Sun Hill stalwarts celebrate (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Backlash. A special one-hour episode to mark the tenth anniversary of the thrice-weekly police drama series. In the conclusion of a three-part story, DI Sally Johnson (Jaye Griffiths) is on trial for manslaughter. (Teletext) (8437)
9.00 Soldier, Soldier. Forsythe and Tucker become involved in a practical joke, but Stubbs fails to see the funny side. (Teletext) (s) (8673)
10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (38470) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) (796857)
10.40 CHOICE **Network First: Nicholas and Alexandra — Anointed by God** (Teletext) (696673)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H (812944)
12.40am The Beat. Gary Crowley introduces music from the Reading Festival (s) (2757068)
1.40 FILM: Asylum (1972) starring Robert Powell, Peter Cushing and Herbert Lom. A young doctor is given the task of identifying the insane head of a lunatic asylum. Directed by Roy Ward Baker (5928838)
3.00 Nigel Mansell's IndyCar 94 (47906)
3.30 America's Top Ten (s) (94906)
4.00 The Little Picture Show (r) (60797)
5.00 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (r) (40154)
5.30 ITN Morning News (93548) Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.30am King Arthur and the Knights of Justice. *Animation (r) (73692)*
7.00 The Big Breakfast (90857)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Bill Cosby gambles on contestants' general knowledge (r) (55147)
9.30 Schools (833645)
12.00 NEW **House to House**. Maya Even returns to host the political magazine (35383)
12.30pm Sesame Street. The guest is the singer Gloria Estefan (15234)
1.30 Trumpton. Followed by **Little Brrm** (84147)
2.00 FILM: Return to Earth (1976) starring Cliff Robertson in a biographical drama as the Apollo astronaut "Buzz" Aldrin. With Shirley Knight, Ralph Bellamy and Stefanie Powers. Directed by Jud Taylor (3849811)
3.20 Lion. The cartoon adventures of Ginger Nutt squirrel and his friends (6938963) **3.25 Maiden Voyages**. Frances Wharton, a single mother from Manchester, battles against the elements on her journey by motorbike to northern Australia (r) (s) (9406383)
3.55 Scotland's Larder. Derek Cooper explores the thriving marketplace for Scottish foods. (Teletext) (8643944)
4.30 Fifteen to One. (Teletext) (s) (234)
5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. Oprah's guests share their experiences of trusting their instincts. (Teletext) (s) (5643876) **5.50 Terrytoons** (312895)
6.00 Batman. (Teletext) (499)
6.30 Gamesmaster. Dominik Diamond tries out the latest computer games (s) (609)
7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) (836741)
7.50 Belfast Lessons from Hazelwood College (660091)
8.00 After the Rains. A *Survival* documentary showing the extraordinary events triggered by the onset of rainfall in Etosha National Park in southern Africa. (Teletext) (4147)
***8.30 Brookside** (Teletext) (s) (3654)*
9.00 Wasted Windfall. The final programme marking 25 years of the North Sea oil industry explores the late 1980s (Teletext) (s) (6215)



Stephen Walters and Philip Dowd (10.00pm)

10.00 CHOICE **Alan Bleasdale Presents: Blood on the Dole** (Teletext) (s) (968128)
11.50 704 Hauser Street. Last in the series of the American comedy (s) (392215)
12.20am Football Italia — Mezzanotte. Torino v Roma in Serie A (5664600)
1.20 World Tennis. A profile of Ivan Lendl as a new tournament begins in his home town of Ostrava, Czechoslovakia (2480161)
1.50-3.10 FILM: Suspected Person (1942, b/w) starring David Farrar as a Scotland Yard inspector on the trail of American bank robbers in England who, in turn, are on the trail of a reporter who has stolen the loot. With Robert Beatty. Directed by Lawrence Huntington (5900432)
4.00 Schools: Encyclopaedia Galactica, 11-20 (558838) Ends at **5.40**

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89680147) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1561632) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9882673) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (337091) **7.30-8.00** Bodyworks (321) **12.35am** Honor Guard (756180) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (6306277) **3.05** ITV Chart Show (7369529) **4.00** Nite Bites (25699529) **4.10** Jobfinder (9834180) **5.00-5.30** About Britain. The Hopeful Traveller (40154)

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.55pm A Country Practice (89680147) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (1561632) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9882673) **6.25-7.00** Central News (337091) **7.30-8.00** Heart of the Country (321) **11.40** The Equalizer (106895) **12.35am-12.40** Night Shift (7629987) **4.00** Jobfinder (7508838) **5.20-5.30** Action Eye (8464987)

GRANADA
As London except: 12.55pm Home and Away (8090302) **1.25** Emmerdale (81255673) **1.55** Vanessa (89680147) **2.20** Mum's the Word (53247673) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1561692) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9882673) **6.25** Granada Tonight (337091): **7.00** Emmerdale (7857) **7.30-8.00** An American in. The Way (321) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (796857) **11.40** Prisoner: Cell Block H (106895) **12.35am** Honor Guard (756180) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (6306277) **3.05** ITV Chart Show (7369529) **4.00** Nite Bites (25699529) **4.10** Jobfinder (9864180) **5.00-5.30** About Britain The Hopeful Traveller (40154)

HTV WEST
As London except: 2.25pm Travel Trails (53246944) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7718835) **3.25-3.30** HTV West Headlines (6539670) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9882673) **5.55** Home and Away (323944) **6.25-7.00** HTV News (337091) **7.30-8.00** Fare's Fair (321) **10.30-10.40** HTV West Headlines and Weather (796857) **12.35am** Honor Guard (756180) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (6306277) **3.05** ITV Chart Show (7369529) **4.00** Nite Bites (25699529) **4.10** Jobfinder (9884180) **5.00-5.30** About Britain The Hopeful Traveller (40154)

HTV WALES
As HTV WEST except: 12.20pm-12.30 HTV News (1198760) **3.25-3.30** HTV News (6939692) **6.25-7.00** Wales Tonight (337091) **7.30-8.00** Heroes (321)

MERIDIAN
As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2657470) **12.20pm-12.30** Meridian News and Weather (1198760) **1.55** A Country Practice (89680147) **2.50-3.20** Shortland Street (1561692) **3.25-3.30** Meridian News and Weather (6939692) **5.10** Home and Away (9882673) **5.37-5.40** Three Minutes — Freescreen (319708) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (857) **6.30-7.00** What's My Line? (437) **7.30-8.00** Serve You Right (321) **10.30-10.40** Meridian News and Weather (796857) **5.00am-5.30** Freescreen (40154)

WESTCOUNTRY
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2657470) **12.20pm** Westcountry News (1114708) **12.25-12.30** My Story (1113079) **2.25** The Young Doctors (53246944) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News; Weather (6939692) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9882673) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (62925) **7.30-8.00** Vet (321) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News: Weather (796857) **12.35am** Honor Guard (756180) **2.10** The Little Picture Show (6306277) **3.05** ITV Chart Show (7369529) **4.00** Nite Bites (25699529) **4.10** Jobfinder (9884180) **5.00-5.30** About Britain: The Hopeful Traveller (40154)

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (2657470) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather; Bilsdale: Network North (1198760) **1.55** A Country Practice (89680147) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News / Bilsdale: Network North (6939692) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9882673) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (436316) **6.30-7.00** The World In Our Crosswits (437) **7.30-8.00** The World in Our Gardens (321) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News (796857) **11.40** Passions (440692) **1.25am** The Little Picture Show (4531432) **2.25** Sport AM (6212884) **3.25** Marquee Anniversary: Dr John and C Barber (7372093) **4.20-5.30** Jobfinder (5660150)

S4C
Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (90857) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (55147) **9.30** Ysgolion schools (833645) **12.00pm** House to House (35383) **12.30** Slot Meithrin Ffwrdd S N (85876) **1.00** Hullabaloo (93944) **1.30** The Garden Club (84147) **2.00** The Late Late Show (65673) **3.00** Simply the Best Cheeses of Somerset (3416) **3.30** *Oprah Gold: The Diana Ross Interview* (6970499) **4.25** Deputy Dawg (4231760) **4.30** Happy Days Fonzie D robs Ir (254) **5.00** 5 Pump — Uned 5 (8963) **5.30** Fifteen to One (123234) **6.20** Hano (377504) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (5499) **7.30** Gamesmaster (952) **8.00** Dal I Droi Y Ford Transit (4147) **8.30** Newyddion/news (3654) **9.00** The Nick (6215) **10.00** Brookside (36012) **10.30** Dim Tatod (92050) **11.30** Glastonbury. The Trip Continued (81383) **12.30am** Big Fish in China (62819)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
6.00am DJ Kat Show (30592514) **8.40** Cartoons (8644925) **9.30** Card Sharks (9372012) **9.55** Concentration (9380031) **10.25** Dynamo Duck (2036470) **10.30** New Candid Camera (74609) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (40876) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (86031) **12.30pm** E Street (34166) **1.00** Falcon Crest (22321) **2.00** Hart to Hart (16321) **3.00** Class of '96 (9484050) **3.50** DJ Kat Show (3573234) **5.00** Star Trek The Next Generation (5418) **6.00** Gamesworld (4031) **6.30** Spellbound (5383) **7.00** E Street (6147) **7.30** M*A*S*H (4895) **8.00** Manhunter (50128) **9.00** Due South (63692) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (73079) **11.00** David Letterman (792018) **11.45** Booker (909873) **12.45am** Barney Miller (63987) **1.15-1.45** Night Court (80600)

SKY NEWS
News on the hour.
6.00am Sunrise (1174741) **9.30** Fashion TV (21692) **10.30** Nightline (93321) **1.30pm** CBS This Morning (31079) **2.30** Parliament (34876) **5.05** Littlejohn (995673) **9.30** Target (12944) **11.30** CBS News (19418) **12.30am** ABC News (12109) **1.10** Littlejohn (1903109) **2.10** Newswatch (5297258) **2.30** Parliament (30987) **4.30** CBS News (54838) **5.30-6.00** ABC News (28890)

SKY MOVIES
6.00am Showcase (2579706) **10.00 Age of Treason** (1993) (67592079) **11.40 Flight of the Phoenix** (1965): Drama (71169234) **2.00pm A New Leaf** (1970): Comedy (57031) **4.00 The Brain** (1969): Caper (35146383) **5.55 Age of Treason** (As 10am) (36548934) **7.30 Close-up: Splitting Heirs.** Comedy (9983) ***8.00 Valmont** (1989) Drama* (95248470) **10.05 Under Siege** (1992) (505673) **11.50 Mobsters** (1991): Gangster thriller (462789) **1.50am Better Off Dead** (1992) (7088838) **3.20-5.20 The Last of His Tribe** (1992): True story (52853277)

SKY MOVIES GOLD
6.00pm It Came from Outer Space (1953): Sci-fi (22383) **8.00 Remember the Night** (1940): Comedy (34128) **10.00-12.00 California Split** *(1974): Comedy drama (93383)*

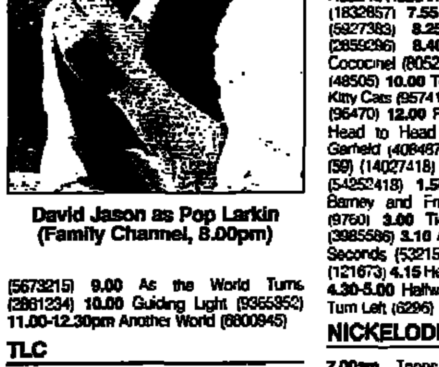
THE MOVIE CHANNEL
6.00am Tommy Tricker and the Stamp Traveller (1987) (28297960) **7.50 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol**. Animation (2379875) **9.00 The Call of the Wild**: Cartoon (62147) **10.00 You Must Be Joking!** (1965) (88316) **12.00 Young Mr Lincoln** (1939): Henry Fonda stars (28168) **2.00pm Cop and a Half** (1992) (567876) **3.50 Brer Rabbit Christmas Carol** (As 7.50am) (3566944) **5.00 The Call of the Wild** (As 9am) (8128) **6.00 The Haunted School** (1986) (75437) **8.00 Cop and a Half** (As 2pm) (47654) **10.00 Deceived** (1991): Psychological thriller (595296) **11.50 Amityville: A New Generation** (1992) (606321) **1.25am Taking Off** (1971) (817426) **3.00-5.00 Shades of Gray** (1992). Thriller (2466364)

SKY SPORTS
7.00am Soccer News (6675505) **7.15** WWF Mania (582895) **8.15** Soccer News (4275514) **8.30** Fishing the West (82302) **9.00** Windsurfing Tour (73654) **9.30** Aerobics (32895) **10.00** Golf (12031) **12.00** Aerobics (93418) **12.30pm** Football (44708) **2.30** One to One (7760) **3.00** Powerboat World (89166) **4.00** Surfing (68873) **5.00** WWF Superstars (9876) **6.00** Soccer News (487708) **6.15** Sports Classics (475963) **6.30** Grass Roots Rugby (9741) **7.00** Boots 'n' All (18166) **8.00** Ringside Boxing (98302) **10.00** Soccer News (964673) **10.15** The Footballer's Football Show (711505) **11.15** Grass Roots Rugby (937296) **11.45-12.45am** Windsurfing World Cup (709760)

EUROSPORT
8.30am Step Aerobics (77470) **9.00** Eurogolf Magazine (91673) **10.00** Dancing (97708) **11.00** Figure Skating (77944) **12.00** Football (83166) **1.30pm** Football (14234) **3.30** Duathlon (61012) **4.30** Rally Raid (49079) **5.30** Football (3944) **6.00** Football (83654) **7.30** News (3321) **8.00** Athletics (89654) **9.00** Champions Forever (42578) **10.00** Boxing (92056) **11.00** Football (26925) **1.00-1.30am** News (79161)

SKY TRAVEL
12.00 Travel (5677031) **12.30pm** Kids Down Under (6834302) **1.00** Golf in Paradise (1365532) **1.30** Hawaii Cooks (5833673) **2.00** American Adventurer (5111944) **2.30** Cooking in America (6133708) **3.00** Costa Del Sol (5130079) **3.30** Mansions (6105925) **4.00** Golf in Paradise (6117760) **4.30** Kids Down Under (6113944) **5.00** Hawaii Cooks (5102296) **5.30** Cooking in America (6104296) **6.00** Costa Del Sol (6134437) **6.30** American Adventurer (6125789) **7.00** Travel (5115760) **7.30** Around the World (6114673) **8.00** Travel Guide (4162505) **9.00** Ticket to Paradise (9660079) **9.30** Cooking in America (5854166) **10.00** Roads to Freedom (5678760) **10.30** Travel (5694708) **11.00** Hawaii Cooks (9532296) **11.30-12.00** Mansions (8005150)

SKY SOAP
8.00am Loving (5674944) **8.30** Peyton Place



David Jason as Pop Larkin (Family Channel, 8.00pm)

(5673215) **9.00** As the World Turns (2861234) **10.00** Guiding Light (9365952) **11.00-12.30pm** Another World (6800945)

TLC
9.00am Craftwise (7751741) **9.30** Cooking with Kurma (1211944) **10.00** Parents Talking (4692302) **10.30** Speaking of Courage (1119499) **11.30** Discovering Psychology (5404012) **12.00** Magic or Medicine (1234895) **1.00pm** Cooking with Kurma (5119895) **1.30** Craftwise (1214031) **2.00** Who Cares Wins (1581012) **2.30** Divorcing Daddy (8451334) **3.00** Mushroom Magic (1500147) **3.30-4.00** Furniture to Go (9906429)

UK GOLD
7.00am The Sullivans (8381383) **7.30** Neighbours (8300418) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (9831760) **8.30** EastEnders (9830031) **9.00** The Bill (9821383) **9.30** The Chinese Detective (5542586) **10.30** Big Deal (88129012) **11.35** The Sullivans (19811876) **12.00** Sons And Daughters (9841147) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1159692) **1.00** EastEnders (8380654) **1.30** The Bill (1158963) **2.00** Potter (8951857) **2.30** Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (9774741) **3.00** Knots Landing (3862692) **4.00** Dynasty (3858499) **5.00** Every Second Counts (2102215) **5.40** Top of the Pops (4053673) **5.55** Terry and June (6004876) **6.30** EastEnders (9799050) **7.00** Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin (8955673) **7.30** George and Mildred (9795234) **8.00** Rosie (8964321) **8.30** Porter (8950128) **9.00** The Sweeney (6065079) **10.00** The Bill (9842876) **10.30** Top of the Pops (1133692) **11.15** Naked Video (3414876) **11.45** Dr Who (3413147) **12.15am** Bergerac the Movie: Second Time Around (3971172) **2.10-3.00** Shopping (9357074)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL
6.00am Ratkan III (4814437) **6.15** Teddy Ruxpin (519789) **6.45** Casper (501760) **7.15** Head to Head in 3D (6012632) **7.25** Garfield (1832857) **7.55** Saved by the Bell (59) (5927383) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (2859296) **8.40** Tifou (8056895) **8.50** Coccinel (8052079) **9.00** Its Droibee Time (48505) **10.00** Teddy Trucks (95437) **11.00** Kitty Cats (95741) **11.30** Barney and Friends (96470) **12.00** Ratkan III (37876) **12.30pm** Head to Head in 3D (16707437) **12.40** Garfield (4084876) **1.10** *Saved by the Bell* (59) (14027418) **1.40** Super Mario Brothers (54252418) **1.50** Tifou (54241302) **2.00** Barney and Friends (8799) **2.30** Babar (9760) **3.00** Tic Tac Toons (part one) (3985586) **3.10** Around The World in Eighty Seconds (5321586) **3.45** The Bots Master (121673) **4.15** Head to Head in 3D (1869321) **4.30-5.00** Halfway Across the Galaxy and Turn Left (6296)

NICKELODEON
7.00am Toons (86963) **7.30** Grimmy (3297418) **7.45** Rugrats (965944) **8.15** Rocko's Modern Life (6075586) **8.30** Ghostbusters (60944) **9.00** Nick Jr (186429) **12.00** Pee Wee's Playhouse (84760) **12.30pm** The Muppet Show (25875) **1.00** Doug (64234) **1.30** The Chipmunks (75316) **2.00** Denver (7031) **2.30** Smoggies (5302) **3.00** The Real Ghostbusters (6166) **3.30** Carmen Sandiego (7147) **4.00** Grimmy (6654) **4.30** Rugrats (5166) **5.00** Clarissa (6383) **5.30** *Doug* (5418) **6.00** GUTS (6031) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (7383)

DISCOVERY
4.00pm The Global Family (9796963) **4.30** Waterways (9792147) **5.00** A Traveller's Guide to the Orient (8973079) **5.30** The New Explorers (9783499) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (1132925) **7.00** Pacifica (8953215) **7.30** Terra X (8733876) **8.00** Connections 2 (8962963) **8.30** From the Horse's Mouth (8941470) **9.00** Wings of the Red Star (6056321) **10.00** Discovery Journal (6066708) **11.00-12.00** The Astronomers (8398673)

BRAVO
12.00 FILM The Night My Number Came Up (1955) (3119963) **2.00pm** thirtysomething (3107128) **3.00** My Three Sons (8958760) **3.30** The Beverly Hillbillies (9771654) **4.00** FILM. Brain from Planet Arous (1958) (1137741) **5.30** Drama Classics (9770925) **6.00** The Green Hornet (3700166) **6.30** The Time Tunnel (6793586) **7.30** Honey West (9780302) **8.00** thirtysomething (6030383) **9.00** The Twilight Zone (3872079) **9.30** Hogan's Heroes (1131296) **10.00-12.00** FILM *Porky's* (1982): Teenage comedy (3656031)

UK LIVING
6.00am Agony Hour (2517760) **7.00** Living Magazine (6900838) **8.00** Go for it (7783586) **8.30** The Truth about Women (7762857) **9.00** Spain on a Plate (7674128) **9.35** Definition (4070708) **10.00** Trivia Trap (4687470) **10.30** Susan Powter (7775321) **11.00** Young and Restless (3670760) **11.55** Calendar Fashion Show (2119050) **12.30pm** *Living* (34893673) **12.45** *Kilroy* (4449692) **1.30** Gardenwise (1216499) **2.00** Agony Hour (4695499) **3.00** Living (3368609) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (46817499) **4.00** Infatuation (2156942) **4.30** Definition (57212234) **4.55** Cookery Course (3345857) **5.30** Kate and Allie (8756186) **6.00** Maternal World (1906809) **6.30** The New Mr and Mrs Show (1706401) **7.00** Magazine (4262079) **8.00** Young and Restless (4248499) **9.00** FILM: Till Death Us Do Part (1991) (88853012) **10.50** Short Stories (1944654) **11.00** *Susan Powter* (5413760) **11.30** Infatuation (4683654) **11.30-12.00** Maternal World (4683654)

FAMILY CHANNEL
5.00am Tintin (2741) **5.30** Boogies Diner (1596) **6.00** New Adventures of Black Beauty (7789) **6.30** Through the Keyhole (1741) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (2505) **7.30** The Mighty Jungle (7925) **8.00** The Darling Buds Of May (36566) **9.00** Moonlighting (49050) **10.00** Catchphrase (38505) **10.30** GP (14925) **11.00** Lou Grant (96166) **12.00** Rhoda (10277) **12.30pm** Big Brother Jake (81277) **1.00** Family Catchphrase (39513) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit II (69242) **2.00** Moonlighting (38513) **3.00** Lou Grant (54600) **4.00** Rhoda (88971) **4.30-5.00** The Mighty Jungle (23906)

MTV
6.00am Awake on the Wildside (92857) **7.30** The Grind (68383) **8.00** Awake on the Wildside (65321) **9.00** VJ Ingo (603505) **12.00** Soul (68234) **1.00pm** Greatest Hits (44654) **2.00** The Afternoon Mix (738470) **4.30** Report (4691645) **4.45** Cinematic (3146550) **5.00** News (7004708) **5.15** Three from One (4415128) **5.30** Dial (2234) **6.00** Music Non-stop (32944) **7.30** Sports (9383) **8.00** Greatest Hits (38944) **9.00** Most Wanted (18692) **10.30** Beavis and Butt-head (16383) **11.00** Report (747741) **11.15** Cinematic (760692) **11.30** News (738128) **11.45** Three from One (726383) **12.00** The End? Featuring the Brothers Grunt (45068) **2.00** Soul (30971) **3.00** The Grind (24635) **3.30-6.00** Night Videos (966628)

VH-1
7.00am *Crawling from the Wreckage* (2715073) **9.00** Cafe (1658321) **12.00** The Bridge (6591079) **1.30pm** Ten of the Best (6630147) **2.30** Heart and Soul (8956437) **3.30** Into the Music (7042944) **6.00** Prime Cuts (5851079) **7.00** For You (4155215) **8.00** Rock (4164963) **9.00** Ten of the Best (4151499) **10.00** The Bridge (2874708) **11.30** Today's Top Five (8844302) **12.00** The Nightfly (5183635) **2.00am** Prime Cuts (1421451) **3.00** Rock (8563884) **4.00** Ten Of The Best (6910109) **5.00-7.00** Dawn Patrol (8679548)

TV ASIA
6.00am Persian Dawn (13321) **7.00** Asian Morning (47586) **8.30** Bunyaad (20586) **9.00** Regional Movie (698673) **12.00** Nagar Pane Roop Nagar (24302) **12.30pm** Hansley Bastey (74895) **1.00** Hindi Movie (518963) **4.00** Kiddie Time (7166) **4.30** TVA and You (81079) **5.30-6.00** Bunyaad (7302) **7.00** Doop Chaon (8147) **7.30** India Show (6895) **8.00** News (7895) **8.30** Des Pardes (6302) **9.00** Bollywood Plus (62499) **9.30** Pakistani Movie (593234) **12.00** Five Past Midnight (940433) **1.35-6.00am** Sight and Sound (29088722)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT
Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm Right Cross (1950) (90315031) **8.40 Killer McCoy** (1947) Thriller (90595925) **10.40 Tennessee Champ** (1954) (38686012) **12.05am Knockout** (1941) Drama (63651277) **1.30 The Big Punch** (1948) **3.00-5.00 Whiplash** (1948) (46653426)

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FA likely to limit Walker's penalty

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

DES Walker, the Sheffield Wednesday captain, is likely to escape further charges after he butted Simon Milton, the Ipswich Town midfield player, at the end of the FA Carling Premiership match at Portman Road on Sunday. He will receive a three-match suspension, in line with the Football Association's penalty for dismissals for violent conduct, and the matter will probably be closed.

Walker, 28, could have faced a charge of bringing the game into disrepute, but the timing of the incident, which happened a split-second after Mike Reed, the referee, had blown to signify Wednesday's 2-1 victory, appears to have saved him. Walker, annoyed by a late challenge from Milton, butted him on the back of the head.

Technically, the offence occurred after the match had been completed and the former England central defender could therefore have expected additional punishment from the FA. However, because the dividing line between the end of the game and the start of the altercation was almost negligible, Walker's rush of blood is likely to be deemed to have taken place during the match. "We will need to have studied the referee's report before deciding on what appropriate action to take," David Bloomfield, an FA spokesman, said.

Walker's record over 12 seasons — he had never previously been sent off, in 343 league appearances for Nottingham Forest, Sampdoria and Wednesday — will also stand him in good stead. His reaction to the tackle, though extreme, was out of character.

He does, however, face an internal club fine — probably two weeks' wages, the maximum allowed. Gordon Watson, Walker's team-mate, was sent off against Leeds United last month and incurred the wrath of Trevor Francis, the Wednesday manager. "Gordon was disciplined and Des will be as well," Francis said.

Milton was still bemused by the incident yesterday. "I don't think I did anything wrong and Des overreacted," he said. "I'm very embarrassed about it as I'll now be known as the man who provoked Des Walker into a head-butt. I'm not like that and neither is he."

If the FA is to consider further action against Walker, it would still have to form the harshest of opinions on the episode to surpass the record financial penalty meted out on an individual. Vinnie Jones, of Wimbledon, holds that dubious distinction, when he was fined £20,000 in September 1992 for his narration on the video, *Soccer's Hard Men*.

Keith Burkinshaw, the West Bromwich Albion manager, also felt the chill wind of dismissal yesterday when he was told his services were no longer required at The Hawthorns. "I'm very disappointed but it's results that matter and we've not been getting what was needed," he said.

Tony Hale, the chairman of the bottom club in the Endsleigh Insurance League first division, said: "The secret is to get a successful manager and Keith has not been a success. It's always difficult to dismiss someone, especially when you have a great deal of respect for them." Alan Buckley, the Grimsby Town manager, is believed to be Hale's No 1 choice to replace Burkinshaw, who had been in charge for 17 months.

Mike Walker, another manager in distress, is still hanging on to his job at Everton and received the news yesterday that Rachidi Yekini wants to join Daniel Amokachi, his Nigeria team-mate, at Goodison Park. Yekini, who has been playing for Olympiakos in Greece, said: "I want a new challenge in Europe and my first choice would be England."

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JULIAN HERBERT



A nervous smile betrays Llewellyn Smith's anxiety as her distinguished chauffeur takes her for a turbocharged spin in a BMW at Brands Hatch yesterday

Our Nige driven to distraction at high speed

Julia Llewellyn Smith samples life in the fast lane at the opening of the Nigel Mansell Racing School at Brands Hatch

We are approaching the bend at 100mph, my heart is fluttering like a hummingbird, my lungs feel like a punctured tyre and Nigel Mansell has his hand on my knee.

"Yee ha!" whoops the man some consider to be the world's greatest racing driver, as the car dives down the incline. "Would you mind keeping both hands on the steering-wheel?" I mutter, but my words are lost in a shrill of brakes.

It is not every day that one fulfils a childhood dream. Some of them, such as marrying Batman, I grew out of. Others, such as playing at Wimbledon, simply taunt me with each passing year. But yesterday I was at Brands Hatch, snarling around the circuit, with our Nige as my chauffeur.

As Mansell must reflect every time he sees the chequered flag, it was a minor miracle he was there at all. At the European Grand Prix in Jerez the previous day, the people's favourite driver completed four laps before an attentive mechanic spotted a loose bolt in his front wing.

He came spinning off the track on the 48th lap and long before 25-year-old Michael Schumacher was dousing the crowds with champagne, his 41-year-old rival was on a plane to England to open the Nigel Mansell Racing School at Brands Hatch, where, for £40 an hour, you too can learn to drive like a maniac.

On the road to the circuit, a police car is lying in wait to trap aspiring world champions, fired by a glimpse of their hero. "Last time Mansell did a test drive here between five and ten thousand people turned up," confided a receptionist. "They were all ringing their offices, pretending to be sick."

This time attendance was by invitation only and journalists had to produce everything but their bus passes to ensure an audience with the master. Time was limited. Nigel, chorused his publicists, was very busy.

Mansell, shell-suited and with eye bags like Austrian blinds, confirmed this. "I've driven five races in the past seven weeks," he droned. "I have been in Vancouver, then Elkhart Lake, had one weekend at home, then went to California, then we flew to Portugal and then to Jerez."

Who was it who said that it wasn't the taking part that mattered to Mansell, it was the whinging? Whoever it might have been, the message that Mansell is the Eeyore of racing drivers has filtered through. The former world champion appears to have made time in his punishing schedule for several sessions on how to win friends and influence people.

"Hello!" he cried, mangling my shaking hand as I climbed into the passenger's seat. "How good of you to come!" "I'm a bit nervous," I confess, adjusting my helmet. "I don't know how to drive." "Is that so?" says Nige, revving the engine and taking his eyes off the circuit to flash me a cheeky grin. "Well, nor do I!" Boom, boom.

And before I can say Damon Hill, we are off: the tyres howling in pain as the speedometer whirls up to 100. I am giggling manically, splayed back in my seat, convinced that if I brace my legs as rigidly as possible against the floor, this will somehow restore the car to a normal speed.

Nige says, "Isn't this fun?" as we zigzag around a corner, leaving my stomach about 30 yards behind. Gravity seems to have doubled, but the BMW is still springing about like a gazelle. And Mansell, who clearly has spent too long in the United States, starts heartily patting my knee. "Nippy today, isn't it?" he says. Conversation of this level does not help to take my mind off the ordeal. But with Mansell in charge, it is difficult to feel truly petrified. I think I was more frightened when I watched *Psycho II* alone one night. However much he josbes and japes and spins the steering-wheel like a croupier, there is never a second when he is not in total control.

Nonetheless, when I clamber out of the car, my body feels as if it has been pumped full of helium. But in my short absence, the photographer has negotiated another whiz round the track, with him in the back. I strap my helmet back on, ignore the sound of my breakfast liquidising in my stomach and off we go again, spinning and dodging along the curves.

"Nippy today, isn't it?" says Nigel Mansell, OBE.

Mansell looks likely to make move

BY OLIVER HOLT

TWO races of the Formula One grand prix season remain and the fortunes of its main players are finally taking shape. Michael Schumacher controls the destiny of the world championship, Damon Hill faces an uphill struggle to beat him and Nigel Mansell's chances of securing a Williams drive next season are receding.

Mansell made an unconvincing return to the sport in the European Grand Prix at Jerez on Sunday, but after two years in IndyCar racing, it would have been unreasonable to expect great things. Ill-fortune and two misjudgments combined to force him out of the race 19 laps before the end.

It had been assumed that Mansell would test the Williams-Renault before the Japanese Grand Prix at Suzuka in three weeks' time to continue his familiarisation with the car, but Williams confirmed yesterday that David Coulthard, Mansell's rival for a seat in 1995, would drive at a three-day test in Estoril, Portugal next week instead. Mansell has commitments in the United States.

Mansell may now focus his thoughts on Ferrari. Bernie Ecclestone, the sport's mover and shaker, is still keen to recruit the 1992 world champion to provide an extra touch of showmanship and take on the peerless Schumacher.

The key seems to lie in who Ron Dennis, the managing director of McLaren, chooses to partner Mika Hakkinen next year. Rumours linking him with Mercedes engines have grown stronger and stronger and it had been thought that Heinz-Harald Frentzen would be part of the deal.

But Frentzen is locked into a contract with the Sauber team and Dennis may pursue Jean Alesi, who slips in and out of favour at Ferrari, so leaving a slot open for Mansell. As the manoeuvring around Mansell continues, Alain Prost, his successor as world champion, cautioned Hill and Schumacher against allowing their war of words to spill onto the track.

"We have had a bad year already and we must not have any more bad moments," Prost said.

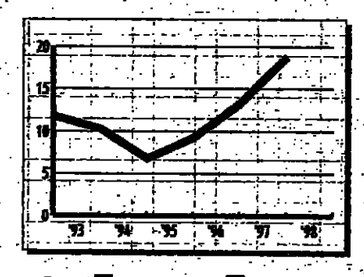
"Ayrton Senna and I had a long rivalry and when he said certain things it was difficult for me. If I'd said nothing, it looked as if I agreed, but if I replied to it, it seemed there was a war. They must both just concentrate on the racing."

Striking union men fall foul of authority

NEW Zealand's fair-play campaign in sport, "Don't Get Ugly", received a mugging from rugby union over the weekend (David Hands writes). John Banks, the Minister for Sport, described as a national disgrace the final of the provincial championship between North Harbour and Auckland, in which two players were sent off and a third cited for foul play.

Talk shows on radio and television have been bombarded with calls at a time when rugby union is fearful of the impact the Auckland Warriors, the newly created rugby league team, will have. The union authorities could not have wished for a worse conclusion to the domestic season than a game (won by Auckland 22-16) after which three All Blacks — Eric Rush, Robin Brooke (the two dismissed) and Craig Dowd — will face disciplinary action. "What the country witnessed was not rugby but frightening brutality," Banks said.

☐ England have added Mark Regan, the Bristol hooker, to their 34-man squad. He will join the party for the first time at the next training session, at Marlow on Monday.



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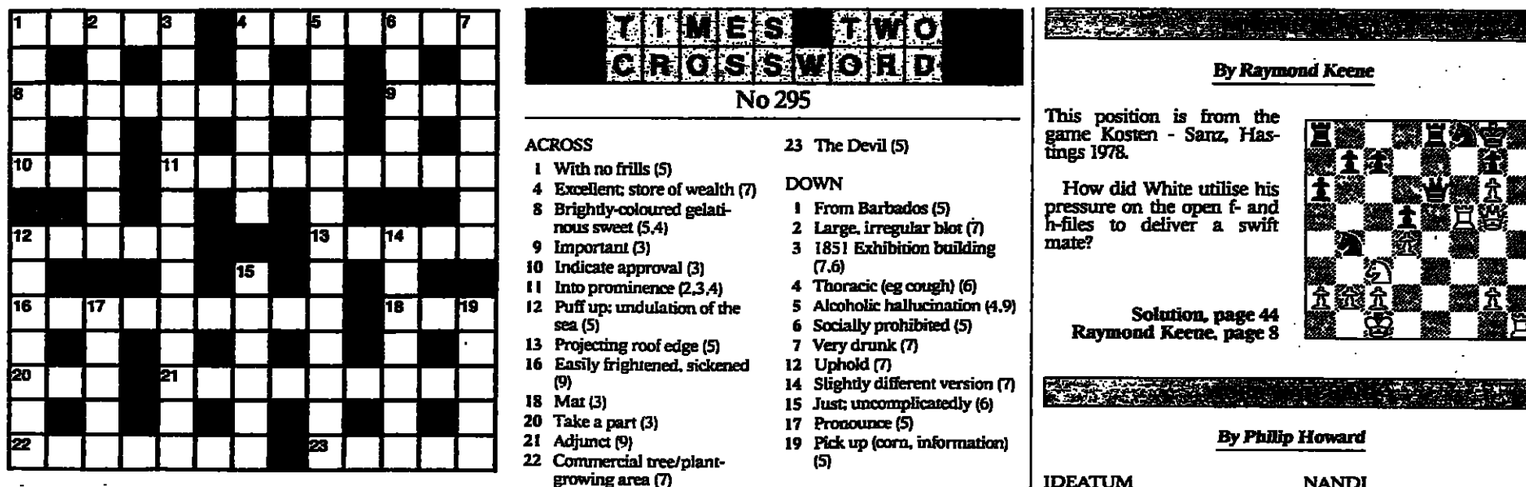
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No 295

ACROSS
1 With no frills (5)
4 Excellent; store of wealth (7)
8 Brightly-coloured gelatinous sweet (5,4)
9 Important (3)
10 Indicate approval (3)
11 Into prominence (2,3,4)
12 Puff up; undulation of the sea (5)
13 Projecting roof edge (5)
16 Easily frightened, sickened (9)
18 Mat (3)
20 Take a part (3)
21 Adjunct (9)
22 Commercial tree/plant-growing area (7)
23 The Devil (5)

DOWN
1 From Barbados (5)
2 Large, irregular blot (7)
3 1851 Exhibition building (7,6)
4 Thoracic (eg cough) (6)
5 Alcoholic hallucination (4,9)
6 Socially prohibited (5)
7 Very drunk (7)
12 Uphold (7)
14 Slightly different version (7)
15 Just; uncomplicatedly (6)
17 Pronounce (5)
19 Pick up (corn, information) (5)

SOLUTION TO NO 294

ACROSS: 1 Betimes 5 Juror 8 Groin 9 Hairpin 10 Spit it out 12 Yaw 13 Outing 14 Gamely 17 Awe 18 Collected 20 Ovation 21 Titus 23 Yoked 24 Hackney

DOWN: 1 Bogus 2 Two 3 Mention 4 School 5 Joist 6 Repayment 7 Runaway 11 In the dark 13 Oratory 15 Aseptic 16 Plinth 18 Child 19 Dusky 22 Ton

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Kosten - Sanz, Hastings 1978.

How did White utilise his pressure on the open f- and h-files to deliver a swift mate?

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By Philip Howard

IDEATUM
a. An imaginary stomach
b. An Alpine flower
c. Concerned with ideas

LIMBURGER
a. A smelly cheese
b. A breed of eventing horse
c. A German-speaking Fleming

NANDI
a. Unleavened cake
b. A breed of gazelle
c. A holy bull

HAMEL
a. A wether
b. An outside lavatory
c. A knitting stitch

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